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Luther League Review

Are You Worried?

Church leaders everywhere are considering with deep concern post-confirmation losses.

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OUTLET IN THE LIVING USE OF LIFE.**

Why Worry? Organize a League!

Think This Through!

WHY A LUTHER LEAGUE

If the United Lutheran Church has valid reason for separation from the other Communions, there is a valid reason for her own youth organization.

The United Lutheran Church can best shape a program of instruction and service for her own Church youth. The Luther League is the program of the United Lutheran Church for her youth.

If the United Lutheran Church has great tasks at home and on mission fields that her youth could do, her youth *must* be organized for service. The Andhra Christian College Appeal would have been a failure without an organized youth.

Unity in the United Lutheran Church depends directly upon fellowship. The youth of the Church gathered in conventions, young leaders learning to cooperate in the great tasks of the Church, sectionalisms and groupisms falling before comradeship and understanding, so does the Luther League lay foundations for a more binding unity in the coming generation.

If the United Lutheran Church is to have man and woman power for her great projects, the appeal for the Life Service must reach the heart during the time of life when careers are mapped. The Luther League offers an organized way to the youth of the Church with the call for recruits.

There are many splendid programs and organizations for Church youth but the Luther League is *the best* for the youth of the United Lutheran Church.



HOW TO ORGANIZE!

If you are interested in having a League in your Church the procedure is very simple. If you do not know the officers of your State or Synodical League, write to the General Secretary. He will be happy to tell you just what to do. A little pamphlet "How to Organize" will be sent containing simple rules to follow in organizing, a model constitution and the twenty points in our standard for an ideal league.

Sustaining Memberships for 1926

SUSTAINING MEMBERS

(To August 28th)

This issue publishes our shortest list. It reflects the season of least activity in Church life. We look ahead confidently to a fine vote of interest in the League during the fall. Each Sustaining Membership is a vote to continue the present staff and program.

Just for information we must repeat that the S. M. is necessary because our dues pay but one quarter of the annual budget of the Luther League of America, \$5,000 out of \$20,000. \$5,000 is also received from the United Lutheran Church. \$10,000 will come from no place other than the S. M.

The minimum S. M. is \$5. We have some friends who are giving us \$100 memberships. How their gifts do help! Pastors, lay men and women who are interested in young folks, local Leagues, district and conference Leagues, state and synodical Leagues, all are represented on our S. M. rolls. Many of our own League members are finding a five dollar bill to express their love for the Luther League. Twenty-five

cents a year hardly measures a loyal League's interest in the Luther League. Many Leagues are honoring officers or pastor or pastor's wife with an S. M. Just line asking for a Certificate sent with the contribution, will bring a recognition that deserves a place on the wall of any home.

Take the S. M. seriously. Be assured that the leaders of the L. L. of A. take it seriously enough. Without it there must be a trenchment!

ILLINOIS—Total 21.

Rev. A. J. Beil
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Mr. G. A. Ketterer

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Senior Luther League of Winchester

CONNECTICUT—Total 4.

IOWA—Total 6.

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OHIO—Total 12.

SOUTH CAROLINA—Total 9.

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TENNESSEE—Total 1.

CALIFORNIA—Total 2.

KANSAS—Total 2.

COLUMBIA DISTRICT—Total 2.

DELAWARE—Total 1.

GEORGIA—Total 1.

OHIO—Total 4.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST—Total 1.

Life Service Department

"Wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?"

IF

IF—you are one of those who have gotten the spirit of the day and are using the dollar as your standard of success and feel that you would be immensely happy if you but had a million.

IF—you feel that power and position at the head of some great manufacturing corporation would be all that is required to give you the caste of a prince.

IF—you feel that to head a great banking institution is the "summum bonum."

IF—you are a "social climber" and have great ambitions to be the leading belle of your group and town—please give the following distressing facts at least one very serious thought. In passing that thought through your brain cells, you will of course decide that no person will commit suicide because he is infinitely happy. Among the list of 1925 suicides we find:

77 Millionaires.

88 Heads of Corporations.

73 Bankers.

30 Social Queens.

YOUTH THAT IS NOT "FLAMING"

A current issue of the *Literary Digest* carries such a caption and further comments that, perhaps the items crowded out of the daily news tell a truer story of modern youth than the glaring headlines telling of wild petting parties, orgiastic dances and juvenile delinquency. In point, we offer this covenant, entered into by twenty students of the University of Nebraska. "I will live my life under God for others rather than for myself; for the advancement of the kingdom of God rather than my personal success. I will not drift into my life work but I will do my utmost by prayer, investigation, meditation and service to discover that form and that place of life work in which I can become of the largest use to the kingdom of God. As I find it, I will follow it under the leadership of Jesus Christ, wheresoever it takes me, cost what it may."

"Don't you think that if the active Luther Leaguers would measure up to such a stand-

ard that the question of Life Service would be a comparatively easy one? The really great need is not tricks and plans and methods, etc., but *real consecration*. A bit more of "Lord, what wilt *Thou* have me to do," will go a mighty distance in filling all the ranks in the full-time Christian callings and will result in the realization that every occupation must be held as a *sacred trust*.

GET THEM AND READ THEM

During our vacation reading our attention was directed to a series of books, published by the Tabloid Press, Elgin, Ill. There are six booklets in the entire series, each containing about 32 pages. The names of the series are as follows: Scrapping the Sunday School; Is Youth in Revolt?; The Human Problem; Saving Rural Religion; What Is Spirituality?; and Religious Education for Everybody. We have read The Human Problem and Is Youth in Revolt? and consider the reading of them time well spent. Every Leaguer should surely read these two if none of the others. They are "real stuff," pure gold, and cost only two-bits each or five for one dollar.

PLACEMENT BUREAU

We have before us the Whittenberg Bulletin No. 24 of June 14, 1926, and are happy to pass on some information which no doubt Leaguers will value and appreciate. The Catalog announcement is self explanatory, hence we quote: "It is a pleasure to announce the establishment of the Placement Bureau within the last two months, with a staff including the following:

"Director, Prof. F. H. McNutt;

"Assistant Director, Prof. H. J. Arnold;

"Executive Secretary, Miss Margaret Kantzer."

The following announcement will indicate the general aim and purpose of the Bureau.

"Until very recent years the colleges have literally 'washed their hands' of the student after graduation. Responsibility ended with the presentation of the 'sheep-skin.'

"The young man or woman *drifted* into

some occupation. Since one is seldom able to make a shrewd evaluation of oneself, this blind process was exceedingly wasteful. The round peg often chanced upon the square hole. Thus the individual was condemned to mediocrity, perhaps to failure.

"In order that we may better meet our responsibility to our students, we are enlarging and strengthening our Placement Bureau.

"We are canvassing the opportunities in the fields of business and industry, in government service and in the professions. We shall acquaint the student with these opportunities early in his college career. We plan to guide him in the selection of his objectives. Thus we hope to secure a better adjustment of the man to his environment.

"This certainly will not end our responsibility. We are initiating a follow-up scheme by which we hope to keep our contact with our graduates.

"In cases of mal-adjustment we shall give corrective suggestions, or help the student to secure another more favorable situation.

"In the cases of deserving and successful alumni we shall be alert for situations which will be in the nature of promotions for them."

The Placement Bureau is one of the most commendable acts of Wittenberg College in her history. It is one which all our colleges can well follow. Such a Bureau will go far in helping Youth find a rightful place in life.

Missionary Department

"Come" and "Go"



HERE IS THE MISSIONARY WHO WRITES TO YOU. SHE BELONGS TO VIRGINIA.

A LETTER

(Miss Minnie Moses, Virginia League Missionary to India, writes a love letter for the Bluefield Convention.)

TO ALL MY FRIENDS OF THE LUTHER LEAGUE:

DEAR FRIENDS,

I am writing this letter to you so that it may reach you in time for your Convention next month.

Now what shall I write about? Just five minutes ago, the children of the Stall School Light Brigade were on my verandah, having their weekly meeting, I wish you could have seen them, they were so bright and so happy this evening, extra happy I think because I promised to "tell them a story." I told the story of "Little Jessie Gold Heart," I made it up as I went on, and it was nicely received. Then we had two English hymns, "Praise Him, Praise Him," and the old, old favorite, "Jesus Loves Me."

The children went down the steps to go home but screamed and rushed back. We are so used to sudden fearful shrieks, that I just asked, "What's the matter, children?"

and they said that some one, or something in black with arms outstretched had come to seize them! Nothing of the kind, it was only the shadow of the waving branches of a tree! The other evening in study hour Miss Welty and I sitting at dinner heard dreadful shrieks and yells of fear, this time however there was cause enough, for a snake had come to study too, and crawled out of a corner to get more light, the girls were in a panic, and all rushed out, but we got them in again away from the snake which frightened to death of the girls and their yells, curled itself up in a corner. Our servant went with a stick and hit at it, but I took off my shoe and crushed its head with the heel. It died very quickly. I am not afraid of snakes, and this one though a bad one, was not a cobra, but it raised its head to dart at me, before I hit it.

Our school is once more in session, after the long summer holiday. The new girls are beginning to get used to us, and the rules. We have some dear, dear little girls and dearer little boys in the Baby Class this term, there are sixty altogether, they play a lot of the time with bricks and dolls and they make little villages and little stores and cut out wonderful animals, and flowers. They make letters with colored rice and beads and sand. They dance and sing and tell stories and go to sleep when they are tired. They have such a good teacher, a mother of four boys and two girls herself. I taught her in the Baby Class when she was five years old and now she teaches many many mothers' babies. She is so kind and so understanding. Her eldest son, Paul, passed his senior F. A. this year, she is very

proud of this boy, so are we. The husband is also a teacher of the 5th Grade in our School.

Our compound is a very large one, and now since we have had a bit of the Monsoon, it is beginning to look fresh and green. Now has come the time of making gardens. Do you love gardening? I do, it is one of the joys of my life. All around the big Stall School, the children have their gardens, a space of about four feet is dug and manured, and then with a string line, the edge is cut, and a tiny hedge of green leaves is made, this hedge grows very quickly as long as it is watered, but always dies in the hot weather so we always have to plant fresh. When the earth is nice and soft and manured the children come for seeds—Oh dear! What a time we have giving seeds. Just fancy the amount of seeds needed for so many, many, many gardens. And it's "Give me balsams Amma" and "I want zinnias, but red ones," and "Oh, I don't want marigolds, I want cosmos" and so on. Hands stretched out and sometimes rudely snatching and voices, and clamoring, clamoring till we don't know where we are! Then when the seeds don't come up right away, protests, and cries, that the seeds are bad, then when the seeds do sprout at the right time, so much joy, such delight! Little bothering things they never give us peace, "Come and see *mine*, but (with a little exultation) Mary's are no good" and Mary, disappointed but game says, "Never mind, mine may come up tomorrow." And then when the goats get in the garden and chew off the buds! Such weeping and wailing. I love gardening, and I love to see at evening the busy, busy little gardeners watering and weeding and caring for their gardens, but Oh, sometimes the little gardeners are naughty enough to be spanked.

I cannot write any more tonight for I am beset, before, behind and on every side by bugs, bugs of all descriptions, black and red, and brown, and of all shapes, long and round and oval and thin and fat and medium, some with wings and some with stings and all with six legs each, to creep and crawl and get down your back and round your neck and up your sleeves and in your pen and on your paper! One has just given me a sharp bite, so I'll say good-night and finish in the morning when the bugs are at home and not round the light or on the table.

July 14th. It has rained all night and it is raining now at 6:30 A.M. This is the early study hour, that is study from 6:30 to 8. It is my turn to have study hour today and tonight. The girls came running in the rain, covered up with sheets and blankets. Very few have umbrellas. They are all very quiet, except for a tiny whisper now

and then. Everything looks so beautiful this morning, fresh and green and cool and lovely, but the floors are wet and cold and the clothes are damp, and mouldy smelling, and it's hard to have to draw water from the well in the rain, and we can't pound the curry stuff, the peppers won't break, in the damp air. I think we all like the glorious sunshine best, although we love the rain for our gardens. Some of the girls get very wet in the rain, and get such bad coughs, I have just sent three home to get cough mixture, from "Big Sister" who is their House-Mother. I don't like to hear anyone coughing, it gives me a pain inside.

Yesterday morning, I came to school very early, and was at my desk preparing notes, and lessons for the day. Ever so many little day pupils, boys and girls, saw me and came into my room and established themselves all round the table and talked, and talked. Such darlings! Most of them boys, so clean and tidy, with shining morning faces! Finally they told me, that they had no slate pencils with paper *skirts*. (The children call the colored paper ends skirts.) And might they have one? Yes, each child might choose, a pink or blue or green or purple, or white with golden stars. What a babel, what a confusion! But I went on writing, children's voices, I am used to. After a while perfect silence, I sensed it and looked up, not a child! I looked out of the window, I saw them running to the "Big tree" where ever so many children were playing. I knew what would result. I saw them wave their skirted pencils in the air, I heard them, at least, I imagined them shouting and bragging about their pencils, and then, as I was quite expecting, the children under the tree made a bee line for me, and after that I had to give all my attention to supplying them with pencils and finally sending them away. During the day I was beset by reproachful looks and murmurs of "Amma, you didn't give *me* a pencil." Children are just the same in India as everywhere the wide world over. Human nature is the same, isn't it? The girls love pencils, blacklead pencils with "lubbers" (erasers) at the end. If any of my friends want to know how to make me and the children happy please send highly colored pencils with "lubbers" at the end. It's lovely to make a little child happy, isn't it, and it takes so little, a kiss, a hug, a "chuck" under the chin, or a pencil, a bit of candy, and the darlings are in the seventh heaven.

I have no time to write any more. We all send our loving salaams to you and I especially send you my love and gratitude.

I am, your missionary worker in India,

MINNIE MOSES.

Social

OCTOBER HALLOWE'EN PARTY

(Caroline Nolde)



POSTER—The Hallowe'en Poster was made from the design on two different crepe paper napkins. Appropriate designs for this season of the year are not hard to find. Cut them out, and arrange on a piece of plain cardboard of the proper size for the place where you are going to display the poster. Make your lettering clear. This is not difficult; if you cannot draw, mark your spaces out with pencil before you paint in the letters.

A Hallowe'en party is in order for October, and have it as near to the end of the month as possible. If you can have it in a private home, so much the better, providing you can get one large enough to house your crowd comfortably.

If your party is to be held in a private home, we suggest that everyone come masqued. You could have them represent famous characters in history or fiction; or have everyone dressed in some type of costume used in a certain period. In this Sesqui-Centennial year, a Colonial party could be held, with the costumes ranging from aristocratic Tory to the ragged soldiers at Valley Forge.

Send out your invitations well in advance. You may purchase these with appropriate

wording, or make your own with buff-colored cards, placing a pumpkin or black cat seal in the corner, and writing the invitation yourself.

You will want one or two games to be played before the group unmasque, and for this purpose the old game of "The Magic Carpet" is very good, and at the same time it gives the guests an opportunity to display their costumes.

The Magic Carpet—Place two chairs back to back, far enough apart for a person to pass between. The floor space between these two chairs is known as "The Magic Carpet." A rug may be used if one is available. The group get in line and pass through the chairs to music, and any one standing on the Magic Carpet during the pause in the music, is out of the game. Give some nonsensical prize for the last one to stay in the game, such as a horn or some Hallowe'en novelty.

Guess Who—Give everyone pencil and paper and see who can guess the identity of the masqueraders. A trifling prize should be awarded to the one who guesses the most correctly.

Fortune Telling—Fortune telling is always popular at a Hallowe'en party. If you have some one available who can read palms or even make a good pretense of doing so, it will add greatly to the fun of the evening. Have your fortune teller garbed as a gypsy. It will add to the effectiveness.

Famous Ghosts—Announce that you are going to show some Famous Ghosts. People to represent these Famous Ghosts must be selected beforehand. They wear sheets, and when they pass before the guests, carry some object by which they may be identified. For example, you may have Eve carrying an apple, David with a slingshot, Ben Franklin with his kite, Betsy Ross sewing on an American Flag. Have your group guess the identity of the Ghosts. (These are just examples, you may think of many more to add to the list.)

The Magic Circle—The leader must have an assistant for this game. After announcing that the spirits will only work in absolute quiet, the leader states—"Around this room I draw the sign of the Magic Circle whomever the spirit moves will kindly leave the room." The assistant leaves the room. As soon as she is gone, the leader announces that he is going to shake hands with some one in the room, and that the one who left the room will shake hands with the same person upon her return to the room. H

then proceeds to shake hands with the first person who spoke after he stated "Whom-ever the spirit moves will kindly leave the room." Then he calls the assistant, who proceeds to do the same, having listened to the first person who spoke before she left the room.

This can be made very mystifying if carried out well. Of course someone else may go out when the announcement is made. It must not always be the assistant. Any who think they can do it are privileged to try. Of course no one but the leader and his assistant knows that they are shaking

hands with the first person who spoke. It is up to the rest to find out how they do it.

Refreshments—Sweet Cider, hard cookies and home made doughnuts, are fine for a Hallowe'en party. To these you may add nuts, apples and Hallowe'en candies.

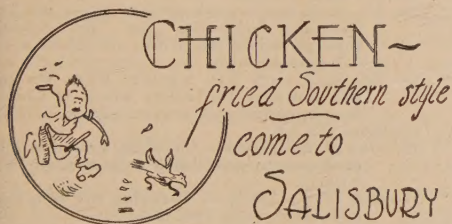
Ghost Stories—Find some one in your group who can tell stories well, or at least is willing to try, and after refreshments, put out all the lights and have some ghost stories, or other appropriate stories.

By this time the hour will have arrived to say Good Night, and I am sure everyone will vote your Hallowe'en party a success.

Why Worry? Ask!

ASK UNCLE AMOS

*He wants to know what you want to know!
Send in your queries.*



Did you draw those Salisbury cartoons?

Thanks for the compliment! I have been waiting for some one to ask. The drawist is "Rube" Lampe of Iowa, the fellow who never refuses to do anything for anybody. Yes, there are more to come.

Where do you get your topics?

This is in line with the following statement "I am glad the League is using the Christian Endeavor topics now. I like them so much better than the old League topics." I am glad she is glad, but these topics do not belong exclusively to any organization. They are shaped by an Interdenominational Committee on which all the young folks' organizations have members. They belong to the League as much as to anybody. After the series is received our Literature Committee goes over them and makes the changes necessary to suit them to our U. L. C. program.

We have only two devotionals each month. Which topics should we use?

Are you sure that you could not have a weekly devotional? I should try every possible way before I gave up. If you have but two topics I should think you should use the Missionary Topic as one and choose one

from the rest that appeals. The topics chosen should be advertised long enough ahead so your members will know which one to prepare.

Could your topics be used successfully by a student club?

The best answer is that they are being used by several student groups. If you keep in mind that your college students will be leaders in their communities after graduation, familiarity with League program will be recognized as good training.

Our young folks balk at public prayer. What shall we do?

First, give them written prayers to read. Second, ask them to write and read their own prayers. Third, ask them to offer sentence prayers without reading them. Fourth, by this time they will be ready with a free prayer if asked before the meeting. Fifth, you can call on them any time and they will be ready. From "First" to "Fifth" may take a year but with good judgment you can succeed.

I am a pastor and have trouble with my League leaders. They go on and plan things without letting me know. They have their Executive Committee meetings without inviting me to be present. Have you any solution?

I should invite the Executive Committee to my home, give them a social evening and then use the opportunity to suggest that you would like to be with them at Executive Committee meetings whenever your engagements would permit. I would not scold them about their lack of respect and consideration for you. No doubt they deserve it but you can do much more with them by friendly suggestion.

Educational Department

MORE AID

Rev. C. P. Harry has responded favorably to the request of some of our readers for a short comment on the Daily Bible Readings. With this issue he will begin using a series that will amplify the lessons assigned for the devotionals. They go out with the prayer that they may in some measure aid our growing army of daily Bible readers in their "search of the scriptures."

IDEAL

Some of our friends seem to think that 100 per cent. of the Luther League of America reading the Bible daily was too high an ideal. The young folks do not think so. They believe that to set 75 per cent. or even 90 per cent. as an ideal is to admit that daily Bible reading is not an essential of the Christian life. If the schedule by which we are living crowds out time for Bible reading, then it is time to revise our schedule.

"GUTTER LITERATURE"

A recent article in *The New Republic* so names the rotten trash that is being sold from our news stands. Our Leaguers should be ashamed to be seen with magazines of this type in their hands. Risque stories based on sex appeal, suggestive pictures, so-called confessions in which sinners fall up instead of down, better for their lusts and passions, all these and worse are to be found frankly displayed on our news stands. Add to them the tabloid illustrated newspaper, and you have the mental food of millions of American youth.

In their place we offer worthwhile books to read, and magazines that build appreciation for the best in life. Best of all we offer the Bible. Habits in reading are formed in youth like all habits are formed. If you have formed bad habits, now is the time to break off. If the Luther League did nothing more than to aid in raising the standard of reading its existence would be justified.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

- Oct. 3—Rom. 12:1-3; II Tim. 2:15.
 " 4—Responsibility for education rests upon parents and older people.—Exod. 11:18-32.
 " 5—The beginning of all wisdom, that is real education, is in reverence toward God. Progress is made by giving heed to the teachings of parents and by obedience to them.—Proverbs 1:1-10.
 " 6—The sure foundation for a right life is in Christ's words. Hearing without doing, however, is futile.—Matt. 7:24-27.
 " 7—God gives His Holy Spirit to lead us into all truth. He is a guide always at hand and ready to help us both to know and to do what is right.—John 14:25-26; 16:12-14.

- Oct. 8—Our capacities are limited. No one can know everything. Therefore we need each other. The Church is intended to function as a group in which the experience and knowledge each one has shall contribute to the good of all the rest so that all may enjoy the fullest knowledge and live the best life.—Eph. 4:1-24.
 " 9—The fullest life, that is to say, the best educated life is obtained by mutual exchange of experience and information and by the common experiences of worship and song. It is lived out when each one lives his entire life for Christ.—Col. 3:16-17.
 " 10—Mark 6:7-13; Cor. 3:1-9.
 " 11—We shall work well together when we build on the same foundation—Jesus Christ.—I Cor. 3:10-15.
 " 12—We shall work well together when we properly reverence the spirit dwelling in the hearts of others.—I Cor. 3:16-22.
 " 13—We shall work well together when we are careful not to pass judgment on what others do.—I Cor. 4:1-15.
 " 14—We shall work well together when we are keenly conscious of our own weakness and that all our success comes from God.—I Cor. 4:6-13.
 " 15—We shall work well together when we have becoming reverence for the Apostle through whom the Word was given to us.—I Cor. 4:13-30.
 " 16—We shall work well together when we have this unity of Christians which is Christ's hearty desire and prayer.—John 17:20-21.
 " 17—Rom. 13:1-8.
 " 18—One of the primary Christian graces is quiet obedience to established authority.—I Peter 2:13-17.
 " 19—One of the ideals of Christian life is a tranquil society.—I Tim. 2:1-2.
 " 20—A high national ideal is expressed in Hosea 12:6.
 " 21—The real and only sure means of national defense is pointed out in Psalm 33:12-22.
 " 22—Justice is an ideal which God sets before His people and requires of their judges.—Deut. 16:8-20.
 " 23—The source of true liberty is in God's Word.—John 8:31-32.
 " 24—Mark 4:1-20; Luke 15:1-10.
 " 25—Mark 4:21-25 shows for what purpose God gives us His gifts.
 " 26—Mark 4:6-29 shows how and to what end the kingdom of God progresses.
 " 27—Mark 4:30-32 shows the small beginning and great growth of the Kingdom.
 " 28—Luke 14:7-11 shows we are not to pick out the best for ourselves.
 " 29—Luke 16:1-13 shows how to use our money and other blessings of this world.
 " 30—Matt. 25:14-30 shows that judgment will come surely but unexpectedly.
 " 31—Psalm 46.

November 7, 1926

HOW TO BRING WORLD PEACE

Matthew 7:12; Isaiah 2:1-4.

To Leaders: Try to have this meeting come down to your home community and to the personal lives of your members. Much discussion of world peace is a long range. Discussion: 1. What has the Golden Rule to do with world peace? 2. What can we do to further world peace? (Let three speakers discuss this). 3. Can world peace come by diplomacy and world councils? What are their values and limitations? 4. What is Jesus' way for bringing world peace? 5. What has the problem of race to do with war? Can we help solve the race problem in our community? 6. How can Christianity solve the economic cause of war? Debate: Resolved, that war may be reconciled with the ideals of Jesus.

TOPIC

War is wrong. War is an evil. Men have sought in vain to find compensations to humanity that would justify war. Men have gone to religion to discover alibis for war. Men have gone everywhere save to the life and teachings of Jesus and to the inspired visions of the prophet to find arguments for war. The way to end war is to evangelize the world. When prophet's visions of the lion and the lamb dwelling together in peace become the master dreams of man and when the teaching and life of Jesus become the way of life for the world, then the war against war will be won.

Mars' Masquerade.—Mars has masqueraded in heroic garb long enough. In children's stories, in poetry and fiction, even in hymns and sermons, the delusion has been sustained. World peace will not come until men see war in its true guise. It must be seen in its relation to Christianity. When set against the background of the teaching of Christ it will be discovered how different are its aims. The sword and spear of Isaiah's vision stand for destruction, suspicion and hate. The plough and pruning hook are instruments of construction, trust and love.

Destruction to Construction.—This is a typically Christian progression. Swords and spears are the weapons of the raiders who sweep in on quiet country sides and destroy barns and standing grain, drive away horses and cattle, pillage homes, and leave desolation in their wake. Think of the beautiful Shenandoah Valley during Civil War days. Some one says "Three armies arise out of every war, an army of cripples, an army of mourners and an army of unprincipled men." The destruction of the Great War was so past description that thinking men all agree with Justice Clark who says, "Unless civilization destroys war, war will destroy civilization."

Contrast with the sword, the plough, with the spear, the pruning hook. They are symbols of reconstruction. The farm is the fundamental industry. All life is built on farm production. Christianity goes into the life, disorganized and useless, and lays foundations for rebuilding. Any rescue mission will offer evidences of the constructive power of Christ. Our own lives will show what the coming of Christ into our hearts has meant. So in a large measure our civilization is built by Christianity. It is the one building force that produces real prosperity. Ancient civilizations have been built on culture and on force only to fall. Our present civilization will fare no better unless it be built on Jesus Christ. There is hope for world peace when the leaders of

the world's thought realize the fruit of war is destruction.

Suspicion to Trust.—The sword and the spear are the tools of suspicion. When fear grips the heart then the hand seeks a weapon. Those who enflame a nation to fighting heat know this and begin at once to play upon the whole keyboard of human fears and suspicions. A chief of intelligence of a great nation after the last war frankly told a scandalized world that stories of frightfulness were manufactured because the people had to be aroused. Spy stories, reports of plots, lies of every sort so stirred the people of every nation that neighbors with foreign sounding names were shunned and even friends of long standing were mistrusted.

The implements of the farm are on the contrary the tools of trust. In faith the farmer prepares his soil, plants his grain, tills and prunes for the coming harvest. Neighborliness reigns in the country. When a farmer in an upstate New York community was ill for months, his neighbors planted, tilled and reaped his crops for him. How easily does Jesus slip into such a picture of rural life! How he trusted men! How the Father trusted men when He sent His only Son! The whole ideal of brotherhood that Jesus brought to earth is built on trust. No home can be built without trust, no community can prosper without trust, no nation can become great without mutual trust among its citizens, no world will ever come together for the rule of everlasting peace without trust.

Hate to Love.—Hate is the seed of murder. War feeds on hate. Think of the awfulness of bayonet practice. Cursing, swearing officers, in language too vile to repeat, urging their pupils to learn the thrust of hate, calling for the fighting face and the brutal heart. Thank God for the men who like Lincoln rise above the tide of wartime hate and make room in their hearts for love. Dr. Walker tells of a visit of Lincoln to City Point Hospital. As they came to one ward the doctor said, "I do not think you will care to go in there; that ward is filled with rebels." Lincoln replied, placing his hand on the doctor's shoulder, "You mean Confederates. Why of course I want to go in." Then going from bed to bed he was as kindly and considerate as he had been in the other wards. That was not war. That was Christianity. War insists that there be no mercy for the enemy. Only one consideration counts, to win.

It seems hardly necessary to draw a lengthy conclusion. The law of love is not limited by genealogy or geography. Jesus loved the whole world and the way to world peace is by the way of love. Let us preach and teach and live the life of love.

THE ILLUSIONS OF WAR

Richard Le Gallienne.

War
I abhor;
And yet how sweet
The sound along the marching street
Of drum or fife, and I forget
Broken old mothers, and the whole
Dark butchering without a soul.

Without a soul—save this bright treat
Of heady music, sweet as hell;
And even my peace-abiding feet
Go marching with the marching street.
For yonder goes the fife,
And what care I for human Life;
The tears filled my astonished eyes,
And my full heart is like to break,
And yet it is embannered lies,
A dream those drummers make.

Oh, it is wickedness to clothe
Yon hideous, grinning thing that stalks
Hidden in music like a queen
That in a garden of glory walks,
Till good men love the things they loathe;
Art, thou hast many infamies,
But not an infamy like this.
O, snap the fife and still the drum,
And show the monster as she is.

November 14, 1926

BOARD OF MINISTERIAL PENSIONS AND RELIEF

Mark 7:10-13; Isaiah 2:8-14

(Rev. Edgar Grimm Miller, D.D.)

Every Luther Leaguer recognizes that the Church is the one essential organization in the world. Governments may pass and be succeeded by other governments, corporations may live and die. No matter how widespread or powerful, every combination of men lasts only so long as it can justify its existence, then it begins to disintegrate. The Church, on the other hand, is different. It is a divine institution whose mission will not be complete until "in the name of Jesus every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that he is Lord to the glory of the Father."

The Church works through human instrumentalities and the extent of its influence and power depends upon how well men carry out the divine plan. It may pass through dark days, as it did in the days before the Reformation, when ministers and people are corrupt and utterly misrepresent it before the world, until its influence is almost nil, but there is ever the living Christ within it and the power of the Spirit, keeping the truth alive in the hearts of faithful men and women. There need never be doubt of the outcome. It cannot pass or be superseded. It is "the Church of the Living God, the Pillar and Ground of the Truth" and the "gates of hell shall not prevail against it," but the responsibility for its purity, its influence and power and efficiency in each age lies with those who are its living members.

This is an age of Youth. Never have the young had such opportunity or influence. In a few years they will be directing all the activities of the world. It is essential that

they now bear their part in the great movements looking to a more efficient Church.

Proper leadership in the Church is essential. Its pastors must be men with the power of leadership, able to translate truth into the terms of the present, who can understand and overcome doubt and can distinguish between argument and sophistry, and by the Spirit's power "lead into all truth." From the young people of the present must come the ministry of the future, and they need to realize that the ministry of the Church of Christ holds the greatest challenge to the best young manhood of any business or profession in the world, that if the "call" comes, they may respond as to an honor.

On the others who do not feel the "call" lies the responsibility for holding up the hands of those who are called, in every way helping to make their ministry efficient. That means not only cooperation in service and the honoring of the ministry in word, but relieving the minister of worldly care for the present and the future; adequate salary while serving and provision for the day when they can no longer serve. There are few things that so sap a man's powers for usefulness as want, or the fear of it.

The Board of Ministerial Pensions and Relief has been commissioned to act for the Church in this matter. Its Christmas offering is to add to the pensions of those in need, and the next year will conduct its Campaign for Endowment. The young people of the Luther League must have a large part in this work. It is their concern that the Ministry be cared for and the greatest efficiency of the Church and its leaders made possible. This is one of the practical ways which will help to the great end. Help by having an offering for this work before Christmas. The Board will send literature in any amount needed on request. Write to the Board of Ministerial Relief, the Muhlenberg Building, Philadelphia, Pa.

November 21, 1926

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY "HOW 'PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW'?"

Thanksgiving Subject

Luke 17:11-19

To Leaders: Follow the Bible lesson rather closely and you will have an interesting and helpful meeting.

If you have a good reader in the League the poem at the end of the topic would make a good recitation. Discussion: 1. Is "I didn't think" a valid excuse? If not, why not? 2. Do poverty or riches tend to produce thanklessness? 3. How can we be thankful when everything seems to go against us, when death enters our homes and misfortune pursues us? 4. Why have a Thanksgiving Day when every day should be thankful? 5. Ought Thanksgiving Day to be considered as a civic or a religious festival?

THE TOPIC

Thank and Thought.—The story of the

ten lepers is the story of thoughtless, thankless humanity. Thank and thought have a close relationship. Thank was an old past tense of think and most thanklessness comes from thoughtlessness. This fact may soften the blow of thanklessness when we have helped others without appreciation, but it does not excuse.

The ten come with their call for mercy. Jesus always hears the call for mercy but He will answer it in His own way. He sends them away without promise to be examined by a priest. They might have thought of many reasons for not going but in their hopelessness they were ready to grasp at any ray of light. They went and were pronounced whole. The scene of rejoicing that would follow one can well imagine. But in their new found freedom only one returned to Jesus and to Him comes the tragic question "Where are the nine?" The Master is still asking, still vainly listening for the tread of returning feet!

The first step in preparation for singing the doxology is a clear understanding of thanklessness. It is quite easy to discover how to praise God when we are willing to take time to praise Him. No one needed to coach the Samaritan. As he faced Jesus he could make his thankfulness understood. There are three words to connect with thanklessness in our study, Proportion, Principle and Price.

Proportion.—Ninety per cent. thankless were the ten. Yes, it is the story of humanity. If we have done Church or club or community work we may well believe this. People do not think about expressing their appreciation for our sacrifices. Then if we are serving for reward we will quit in disgust. But Jesus never quit though man's thanklessness was expressed by a cross. How little time we take to thank Him. How it must hurt Him too. Even our prayers are so full of petitions for the things we want or need that we have little space for thanks. Let us resolve now to cast our lot with the Samaritan.

Principle.—Self-conceit was a typical Jewish fault. God chose the Jews to be the special objects of His Providence. In return they became self-satisfied and self-centered. This egotism as a principle of life leads to thanklessness. If we think of self first, we will not be concerned about thanking those who help us. We will thank them if it does not mean too much bother. We recognize the debt we owe but our first interest is our own. So it is with the nine. No doubt they would have thanked Jesus had He been there. Now it meant a long journey back and they wanted to go to their homes and to take up the thread of life

where leprosy had compelled them to lay it down. First things first! To the Samaritan this meant postponing his own interests till he had thanked Jesus. What is our principle of life, that of the nine or of the one?

Price.—Bitter is the price of thanklessness. The nine missed the one chance they had for paying their debt to Jesus. There is no coin of high enough value to pay God for His goodness to us. Luther in thinking of this says, "Thanksgiving is the greatest work in heaven or on earth." The price of the self-centered life is the opportunities for thanksgiving that are lost. These hurt the thankless much more than they hurt those who go unthanked. The thankless life is lonely and unloved. The life that looks to God as the source "From Whom all Blessings Flow" is the happy, cheerful, friendly life.

The Island friends of Robert Louis Stevenson during the days of his illness built a road from his house to the sea. They built it wide and smooth and he called it "The Road of Loving Hearts." How happy those who have toiled to build "A Road of Loving Hearts" for the Master. Just to have helped would be its own reward.

The following poem by Amos R. Wells, comes from the *Sunday School Times*. One of the nine is supposed to be speaking to St. Luke years afterwards.

I meant to go back, but well you may guess
I was filled with amazement I cannot express,
To think that after these horrible years,
That passion of loathing and passion of fears,
By sores unendurable eaten, defiled,
My flesh was as smooth as the flesh of a child!
I was drunken with joy, I was crazy with glee,
I scarcely could walk, I scarcely could see
For the dazzle of sunshine, where all had been black;
But I meant to go back, O, I meant to go back!

I had thought to return, when my people came out
There were tears of rejoicing, and laughter, and shout;
They embraced me—for years I had not known a kiss:
Ah, the pressure of lips is an exquisite bliss!
They crowded around me, they filled the whole place
They looked at my feet, at my hands and my face;
My children were there, my glorious wife,
And all the forgotten allurements of life.
My cup was so full I seemed nothing to lack;
But I meant to go back, O, I meant to go back!

I had started—yes Luke, I had started to find
The Healer so mighty, so tender, so kind;
But work pressed upon me: my business, you know,
For all these years I was forced to let go;
I had tools to collect, I had orders to get,
I found my poor family burdened with debt,
My time was all taken with labor and care,
The days went more swiftly than I was aware
With the practical problems I had to attack;
But I meant to go back, O, I meant to go back.

I never supposed He would wait my return—
Just one of the ten—and would linger, and yearn
As you tell me He did; why, Luke, had I thought,
There is no one on earth I would sooner have sought;
I'd have shown Him my body all perfect and strong;
I'd have thanked Him and praised Him before the
great throng;
I'd have followed Him gladly forever and aye,
Had I thot that He minded my staying away—
He so great, I so little and paltry—alack!
Had I only gone back! Had I only gone back!

November 28, 1926

THE SLAV AT WORSHIP

(Chapter V, Peasant Pioneers)

John 4:20-26

Aim: "To show how neglected spiritually are the Slavs in America, to study the reasons for their break with the old faith, and to make clear the opportunity that is open to Protestantism."

PROGRAM

Hymn—O, Worship the King.

Bible Study—On Worship, taken from Topic Booklet.

Prayer.

Nine Facts—Displayed on placards.

Ten Reasons—Why so many of the Slavic people are unchurched.

Summary—Of what the Church is doing for the Immigrant.

Hymn—O Jesus, Thou art Standing.

Or

Special music.

Story of a Church—in New Jersey.

Six million Slavs in America.

An Example of what an American Church did.

Leader's final statement.

Discussion Period.

Sentence prayers.

NINE FACTS

(To be displayed on placards.)

1. Six million Slavs in the United States.
2. Two million Slavs in America unchurched.
3. Most of the Slavs—the Poles, Czechoslovaks, Croatians and Slovenes—are Roman Catholic.
4. The three million Poles in America are loyal Romanists, building imposing churches and parochial schools.
5. The Czechs are 50 per cent. adherents of Catholicism.
6. The Russians are of the Orthodox Church.
7. The Greek Catholic Church claims the Ukrainians.
8. Most of the Bulgarians have discarded religion altogether.
9. The Protestant Slavs are largely Lutheran.

TEN REASONS WHY SO MANY OF THE SLAVIC PEOPLE ARE UNCHURCHED

1. Emigration brings with it a reaction against the old life.
2. The tendency of America leads them away from old traditions.
3. They leave the old church—find no other.
4. American influence is against the autocracy of Church to which they are accustomed.
5. Labor organizations to which the Slav must go do not teach Christianity.
6. The Slav is quick to imitate, so copies America's "no-church" life.

7. The Slav sees "best society" giving Sunday over to play.

8. Business interests as they touch him are anything but Christian.

9. The Slav labors such hours that there is no leisure time for relaxation, recreation, or any cultural influence.

10. The Slav misses the cathedral of the old country.

SUMMARY OF WHAT THE CHURCH IS DOING FOR THE IMMIGRANT

(Material for talk to be gotten from Peasant Pioneers, pages 152-158.)

STORY OF A CHURCH IN NEW JERSEY

(Reading from Peasant Pioneers, page 159.)

SIX MILLION SLAVS IN AMERICA

Six million Slavs and thirty thousand Protestant church members! Two million unchurched Slavs and only thirty thousand reached by Protestant churches! There is no question as to the urgency of this call. Our previous study has told us of the entrance of these immigrants into America. Now, we can not fail to see the possibility of service in this line. If the agencies that are at work could be multiplied many times, then the Slavs who come to America would have waiting for them a welcome from the Church; then the millions who are already in America would be led to the Church and the religious nature of the Slavs would find satisfaction in our Protestant churches."

"Our Protestant agencies must find some method of assisting the immigrant to make his adjustment to American life during the early years of his residence here. We meet him at Ellis Island and there the social agencies and the churches are doing all that is in their power to make his first impression of America favorable. But we Protestants have lagged behind our Catholic and Jewish friends in following up the immigrant. Lately a cooperative effort on the part of the Protestant Churches has been inaugurated under the auspices of the Home Mission Council to follow up Protestant immigrants and put them in touch with churches in the communities where they locate. Usually we lose track of the immigrant until five, ten, fifteen years later he makes his contact with our churches, neighborhood houses and settlements and it is this intervening period that is often decisive.

AN EXAMPLE OF WHAT AN AMERICAN CHURCH DID

(Page 174, Peasant Pioneers.)

Leader's Statement—"The acid test of the democracy of our Protestantism is whether we are willing to receive all men into common fellowship, be they Americans or Slavs, successful bankers or unskilled laborers. If our churches insist that all foreigners

must worship God apart in a mission church, while the big church on the avenue is reserved for the socially elect, we certainly have no right to expect that the community as a whole will be more hospitable or democratic."

(Discussion Period.—This period should include an

interchange of ideas, possibly, statements of the most striking facts in connection with the program. It might be in the form of a quiz: What is the religion of the Russians? How many unchurched Slavs in America? What is the acid test of the democracy of our Protestantism?

(The leader should decide the best method for a discussion group, and should use every possible effort to get the members to take part in the discussion.)

Intermediate Department

DEAR INTERMEDIATES:

For a time I thought the October issue of the REVIEW would have to appear without a word from me to you. The reason being "boils" and then some more "boils," extending in mountainous proportions all over my right arm from fingers to elbow. This epidemic started a month ago in Kansas, but since returning to the office, the date now being the 15th of September, the boils (like the 40 days flood) have somewhat abated; thus affording me the opportunity to write you a few lines at least.

When this letter is read the 'teen agers of the land will have assembled in school. Mindful of what might have resulted in a most disastrous adventure for me, permit me to urge you to continue in study as long as opportunity allows. With me, the same as with thousands, the popular notion at the 'teen age period was to get out of school and get to work. Without pointing out the unwisdom of such a move, or relating the course of my sad experience in obeying this voice of foolishness, I would rather have you understand this one lesson, namely: that to work one must have tools to work with. Those tools must be sharpened before work can be done. The school and study in the school sharpens our mental tools. It's useless to be in such a hurry about going to work, for there will always be work to do. And the person with the best tools and preparation usually does the biggest and best work. So go to school and continue therein; getting wisdom, making friends, dreaming dreams and planning big things.

No.	New Leagues	Members
111.	St. Andrews, Andrew, N. C.	24
112.	St. John's, Union City, N. J.	17
Total		41

Subscriptions to Andhra Gymnasium:

Previously reported	\$237.03
33—St. Luke's, Waukesha, Wis.	10.00

November 7, 1926

CAN AND SHOULD WAR BE ABOLISHED

Micah. 4:1-5; Mark 12:28-31

War is wretched business. Anybody can see that to be true. But those most inti-

mately acquainted with it know what a dreadful thing it is. It was General Sherman of the Civil War who saw war in all of its hideous forms who gave us our classic and true definition, "War is hell."

We will scarcely get an accurate picture of war by looking through the pages of our histories. History rather glorifies it, showing its contribution to human progress and the fine valor displayed by soldiers. The good is noted. The evil and debasing are omitted. Its horrors are seldom mentioned. We justify a Civil War on the ground that it freed the slave and preserved the Union. But we are now asking, Could not reasonable men have accomplished these things in some other way, without war and its frightful cost of men and materials? Many young men have thus seen war in an attractive light and have had ambitions of being soldiers and have actually felt themselves unfortunate in not having lived in a time of conflict.

If war has helped to purge nations, to make possible drastic changes in social and political life and to make other valuable contributions to world progress in times past, there is little argument in these facts for a continuance of war in the future. The world is coming to a new conscience about it and eventually war will be done away. Our purpose in studying this lesson is that we may see its folly and may turn with zeal to the better way of love to our neighbor.

It will not be an easy task to eliminate war. The question as it is put indicates this difficulty. "Can and should war be abolished?" The second part of this double question can easily be answered. We can do so by replying with a great big resounding yes. Not so with the first part of the question. If one is of a very optimistic nature he may assert that it can be abolished. If he is somewhat pessimistic he will surely say that it cannot be done away. He will say, "What has been will be." War is too deeply rooted in national life and is too closely related to the spirit of the natural heart to pluck it out easily. The age-long methods of the past will be used in the fu-

ture. A good many ifs must be faced before one dare say that war can be eliminated. If the spirit of Christ can be brought into the lives of the people of the world, war can be eliminated. If men and nations honestly shall try to serve God, they can set aside war. The warlike spirit of men must be conquered. Then shall come peace which will be natural and permanent.

War can be abolished provided nations have an honest and sincere mind to do so. If nations could just trust each other a system of international laws might be enacted which would outlaw war. Practical efforts along this line through a League of Nations or a World Court are crippled for lack of a solid Christian foundation. We need more godliness and sweet-reasonableness and good sense than we now possess if we are to work together to put away this cruel thing. The Bible's vision of peace will be realized some day (how soon, who can tell?) in which wars will have ceased. It is in the plan of God and His plan will ultimately prevail. As Christians we should be willing to do all in our power under the guidance of God to accomplish His golden ideal for the world.

There are many reasons why war should be abolished. First we say, it does not promote the kingdom of God. And it is an actual hindrance to it. It is most important for the world that the kingdom of God should advance without hindrance.

War is contrary to the spirit of Christ. Jesus was very unwarlike. The spirit of love accomplishes more than force.

The commandment of love to our neighbor is directly violated by war. These are just several of the simplest yet most profound reasons why war should be done away. There is a better way and the better way should be allowed to take the field with the defenses and weapons of the spiritual man.

Some very practical reasons for the abolishment of war have been presented by Mr. Sherwood Eddy in his "Case Against War." Several of the points or indictment are:

1. The material waste in war. The cost of the World War, including direct and indirect cost, was 337 billions of dollars, or which would amount to an expenditure of \$20,000 every hour from the birth of Christ to the end of 1925. Or with this amount five great universities like Columbia with an endowment of \$40,000,000 could have been established every day during the war. Most of that money was entirely wasted.

2. The tremendous loss of life. The total toll of life in the World War, both of soldiers and citizens, through battle, disease, and accident, is estimated as high as 40,000,000. Many millions more were maimed, disabled and ruined. Think of the untold and unutterable sorrow, suffering and misery.

3. The lowered moral standards attending war. Dishonesty in war contracts prevailed. Social standards grew lax. The lies of war propaganda were outrageous. We now find that the stories about mutilated children and women in Belgium by the Germans in the late war were all pure lies. Such despicable things will war lead so-called honorable men to do.

4. The desolation and destruction which a future war, such as the World War, would bring makes it imperative that war be prevented in some way or other. Modern inventions and discoveries have gotten us such terrible death-dealing instruments that great statesmen tell us another war on a great scale might easily wipe out whole armies and whole cities and deal death and destruction over vast areas. War is one of man's greatest enemies. "We must either destroy war or war will destroy us."



November 14, 1926

"WHAT MAKES AN ALL-AROUND GOOD LEADER?"

Joshua 1:1-9

(Rev. Paul M. Kinports)

SUGGESTIONS

Hymns—A Charge to Keep I Have; Soldiers of Christ Arise."

Read responsively Psalm 1.

Memorize, Verse 1 of the 27th Psalm.

Assignment one week in advance. Some things that stand out most prominently in the lives of some of the leaders of the Bible times: Moses, David, Esther, Deborah. Leaders of our nation: Washington, Lincoln. Definitions of the words, Strength, Courage, Fear.

We are thinking today of one of the great leaders in the world's history. Moses the leader of Israel had died, and the people wondered what God would do now that Moses their leader was dead. They wondered how God would ever bring them to the Canaan land without Moses. It was not long until their questions were answered. He promoted Joshua, a soldier of the army of Israel as the one who should lead them into the Canaan land which God had promised would be their home.

Joshua was a good leader. He was a trained leader, great, pious and highly honored of God. He was a soldier, prompt, obedient, decisive and faithful. From the day that God ordered him to cross the Jordan river until his death, he showed great courage and a strong faith.

The constant cry of mankind today is for leaders. There are two kinds of leaders in the world. Those who cause people to err and can not always be trusted. These are called bad leaders. Then there are those who are right and just and wise, who lead the people into the highest and noblest ways

of life. These are truly called good leaders.

What makes an all-around good leader? In the first place a good leader must have courage. Everybody admires courage. There never was a nation or a people that did not regard it as a virtue. It is one of the foundation stones in the great structure of character. In ancient times men delighted in deeds of daring. These people never tired of talking about Leonidas and his defence at Thermopylae; how Horatius kept the bridge and other events that were out of the ordinary.

Courage is of two kinds, natural and artificial. Some persons are naturally brave, they are always ready to take risks and face dangers, but very often accomplish nothing by their bravery. Others are more timid, but by a determined and reasonable courage so develop a kind of bravery that often accomplishes wonders. Courage is usually regarded as a military virtue, but there is large room for its exercise in times of peace. Everyone who is trying to live a Christian life has need of it.

In "Tom Brown at Rugby" you will remember that when timid little Arthur found himself the first night away from home, in the school dormitory, with a crowd of rough boys, he knelt down and said his prayers before getting under the covers. It probably took as much courage to do this as for many a soldier to face the guns of the enemy. No sooner was this boy on his knees when the other boys began to laugh and jeer. Then Tom Brown did a brave thing. Hurling his boot at the ringleader, he said, "If any fellow wants the other boot he knows how to get it." Then the disturbers subsided and little Arthur had peace. This spirit of courage will make in us good leaders, for there are in our life today many times when we are called upon to show our colors and be true to the Lord and need to be brave.

Then in the second place we must be strong. When God asked Joshua to be strong, he not only meant physically, but strong in faith. Strength is such a fine thing. It brings us fame and makes us independent, it is a well spring of joy within us. We cannot help admiring a strong man. We cannot help wishing we were strong. But what is the secret of true strength? A lion's strength lies in his shoulders, a giraffe's in his legs, an eagle's in his wings. Samson's was found in his curly locks. But the strength that will make us good leaders and that will endure the afflictions of life is in a courageous heart. If we are to become great leaders in the Church and in the world we must begin now to lay up this strength that we may use it by and by. Joshua did not become a leader in the early

stage of life, but by gathering strength of courage while under the leadership of Moses, he became a leader of Israel. Do your little best today. If you can not fly, flutter. If you can not run, crawl, only do your little share and God will help us in the future to be a leader.

Therefore "be strong and courageous" and as God promised Joshua that He would be with him and would not forsake him, so He will be with those who love Him and serve Him. Let us close with this story from Pilgrim's Progress. John Bunyan describes a stately palace beautiful to behold. Many people were desirous to enter it, but there were armed men keeping back all who made the attempt. There sat at the door a man with pen and ink. As he looked Christian saw a strong man walk up to the writer and say, "Write my name down in the book, Sir." As soon as the name was written down he drew his sword and began cutting his way through all that opposed him. Christian smiled and said, "I think I know what this means."

What does it mean? It means to be a good leader we must fight against temptation, sin, and it will be necessary to be strong and courageous. So shall we pray every day to the Lord, "Increase my courage Lord."

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November 21, 1926

HOW TO BE THANKFUL

(Rev. Charles A. Puls)

Thursday is Thanksgiving Day. We like this day because it is so different from the rest of our national holidays. Whereas on the Fourth of July we think of the strength of our Revolutionary soldiers and how much the colonies depended upon them,—on Thanksgiving Day we think of how good God is and how entirely we depend on Him. So needed is this latter spirit, that we ought to have Thanksgiving every day.

On Thanksgiving Day there are always a whole lot of things to divert our attention. Yet, it is only fair to God that we spend a part of that day with Him, thanking Him for His wonderful goodness to us. The goodness of God! Think of it! He has been showing Himself as a Friend of Man long before the Pilgrims started their journey from oppression to our own land of religious freedom. To every generation He continues His loving acts. Has He done anything for YOU? If He has HOW CAN WE THANK HIM?

It is of greatest importance to understand first of all that God has done wonderful things for us. We ought not be mistaken about this. We would be hypocrites if we would thank some one if he didn't do anything for us. Hence we should know what God has done for us. He has given

us our very lives. The limbs we use to walk with, the eyes we use to see a beautiful landscape, the ears we use to hear the rumbling notes from the pipe organ—our bodies and all of its members have come to us from God. My soul, the only part of me that lives forever, has come from God. My mind, with which I think and reason, has come from God. Everything that I possess has its origin in God.

But this body with all of its abilities has not been formed and then thrown into the world away from God's loving care. That would not be like God. He cares for me every day by giving me strength with which to earn or secure my daily food. When temptation comes, God is there to lead us out; when danger is nigh, the hand of God is there to enwrap us in the safety of His bosom. Sometimes, when we think of what wonderful things God has done for us, we say "Why has He done that for me? I don't deserve it." But that is God's nature. He is a Father to the whole world. He has no favorite sons. They are all His favorites. His Fatherly love for every boy and girl, young man and young woman, is behind every good thing that comes to us from God.

Since God has done these things for us, we are surely indebted to Him. But how can we thank God? We ought to thank Him with every power of our souls. We ought daily to say "Lord I am thankful for my life and for every blessing. Surely Thou art good to me! Help me to be thankful. Help me to see in every soul about me, Jesus Christ. Help me to treat my neighbors just like I would treat Thee. Make my life to count for Thee. Amen." To show Him that we are sincere, we ought to obey His commandments, treat His children (as the righteous ones in the Scripture reading) as if we were treating Him. That would be thanksgiving.

You know that story about Jesus and the Ten Lepers. Do you remember how they started off for the priests and how surprised they were when they found that they were all cleansed? But how many were thankful. Just ONE out of TEN. Nine out of TEN received a great blessing, but were not thankful. Leaguer, try to be like the ONE. Thank God for everything!



November 28, 1926

THANKSGIVING FOR THE GOOD NEWS

The Bible and Missions, Chapter V, pp. 181-195

Hymn—Before Jehovah's Awful Throne. Common Service Book, No. 492.

Scripture—Psalm 145 (Read alternatively).

Prayer—Oh, Thou God of the whole wide world, creator of all the tribes of men, who

hast set the boundaries of all nations, we praise Thy name for all the good gifts Thou hast bestowed upon all men alike, the sunshine, the rain, the fruits of the earth, the love of parents for children, the rest Thou givest to tired bodies, the sense of right and of duty Thou hast implanted in the heart and mind of every man. We ask Thee to make us more worthy of the added blessings that are ours who know Thee, who have Thy Word and Thy Gospel. Make us feel more deeply our responsibility to share these wonderful gifts with those who have them not, for the sake of Christ in whose Light we walk. Amen.

Leader—This is Thanksgiving time. Every year we have met together to praise God for what He has done for us, to thank Him for our harvests, our success, our prosperity. It may be good for us this year, to thank Him for what He has done for other nations to whom the Bible has carried the Spirit of the Lord, for "where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty," and especially to thank Him that He has used us to carry His message which has set them free from so much of darkness and of sin. The good news that the liberty wherewith "Christ hath made us free" is now being shared by men and women, everywhere is better news than just that we are saved. For this we will give thanks.

A—Said the Africans to whom Davis Livingstone gave the New Testament, "We thought it a charm, a thing to be spoken to; but now we know it has a tongue. It speaks and will speak to the whole world."

B—The Hottentot delegates at a great meeting in London testified, "When the Bible came to us we were naked; we lived in caves and on the tops of mountains; we painted our bodies with red paint. The Bible charmed us out of our cares. Now we know there is a God."

C—A solitary page of the catechism containing the Ten Commandments led one tribe of New Zealand to turn to the true God, burn their idols and keep the Sabbath. South Sea Island cannibals have been transformed into Christians, by the preaching and living of the Bible by missionaries. (Pp. 182-4.) For these things we praise God.

D—China, Korea and Japan are nations much in the eye of the world. The Bible has put a new soul into Korea and is building up a new ideal for Japan. Count Okuma says, "Japan received Buddhism and Confucianism from India, China and Korea and under their influence she declined. But under the impact of Western Christianized thought she has revived." The principles of the Bible have obtained a wonderful influence over Japanese

thought and conditions. Prison reforms and temperance efforts and the improved condition of women have been the result of the Bible in the hands of the Japanese. Should we not give thanks?

E—In China the missionaries of the Bible have had the most wonderful influence in the formation of treaties, in diplomatic relations and reforms. (Read 188-91.) No testimony can be stronger than these words of a distinguished Chinese educator Yu-Yu Tsu on the worth and work of the Scriptures. (Read 193-4.)

F—The Chinese Commissioner of Public Affairs cabled these words to a great gathering of Christians in America. "Darkness and gloom reign in China. The Bible is the only remedy by which we will save China, cure the corrupt officials and heal the ambitious politicians, inspire the educators and uplift the poor; and best of all, tell our people how to do righteousness and sacrifice for our own nation." As Christians we should thank God that His light is lightening the world.

Superintendent—A while ago during the World War people were talking a great deal about the war being fought "to make the world safe for democracy," the rule of the people. Let each boy and girl in growing up remember that it is only the Bible that has or can make democracy safe for the world! The only plan by which it is safe for the people to rule is God's plan. Neshima of Japan came here to learn, he

said, how to "civilize my people with Holy Bible."

Let us thank God, not only that we have had this Bible always, but that He has given us the blessed chance of passing it on to other peoples and nations. To us, as Lutheran Christians of America He has held out the privilege of sending His blessed Word and the knowledge of Christ the Saviour to the people of India, Africa and Japan, and now to those of China. Let us thank Him that South America and the islands to the south of us are our mission lands also.

To us, too, in America, have come people from European lands to breathe the air of "liberty" for which the word "America" stands to them. Let us be thankful that in our classes at school or at college, in the street-cars or stores, at our trades, professions, work of all kinds, we have the chance to show to those whom we call "foreigners" that the liberty which Christ has given us has made us broad in our love and helpfulness to people of other nationalities; that because Christ is our Master and Friend we are Christlike and friendly. For this chance of being ourselves His missionaries and messengers to others is His best gift—a greater gift than the chance to SEND missionaries to people to whom we cannot speak. And so—for the chance to BE His helpers every day we will give Him thanks.

Prayer—Closing Hymn, "America the Beautiful."

Junior Department

"TAKE CARE OF THE JUNIORS AND THE SENIOR LEAGUE WILL TAKE CARE OF ITSELF"

VIRGIN ISLANDS.—Our biggest news this month comes from our two Junior Leagues in the Virgin Islands. Both have become Red Star Junior Leagues! Their reports show fine work. Christiansted, with Sister Clara at the head, not only sends a good report, but sends \$3.80 for our Andhra Junior Objective. Likewise, Sister Nanca, in charge of the Junior League at Frederiksted writes, "the offering of our Daily Vacation Bible School which has recently closed was a sum of \$12.65, and is being sent to you to be added to the Andhra Junior Objective Fund. All of the



The President, Secretary and Treasurer of Bethany, Lima, Ohio, Junior Luther League
Hundreds of boys and girls like these are being trained in the Junior League everywhere to be our future Luther Leaguers, W. M. S. and Brotherhood members—our future church workers—our future ministers, deaconesses and missionaries!

members of our Junior League attended the Bible School and by doing a little missionary work they succeeded in bringing our daily attendance up to 180. They are poor, but gave as much as they could, and wished it to be sent to India to assist in the education of the people there. They were so interested, enthusiastic and busy at every session, for which we feel encouraged and thankful." A picture also came with the letter. There were so many Juniors on it that it is impossible to get it in the REVIEW! These Junior Leagues in the Virgin Islands set the pace for our work here at home.

LITERATURE.—Get the new Program Packet, selling for forty cents. It contains a number of leaflets helpful in the programs which have already been used; it also contains the following new leaflets, which are worth the price of the packet alone:

Emblems of Christmas—a Christmas Pageant
The Church Year—a Pageant for Juniors
Questions and Answers on Genesis
The Junior Standard
The Parable of the Sower—dramatization
The Luther League Motto—exercise.

The "Questions and Answers on Genesis" is a splendid Bible Drill. Get sufficient copies for each Junior. Extra copies, five cents each. Celebrate Junior League Day, November 10, by giving the pageant, "The Church Year," extra copies, five cents each. Plan now for your Christmas meeting, and get extra copies of the Christmas Pageant, five cents a copy, forty cents a dozen.

We have also had reprinted in brand new, attractive dress, a set of leaflets for which the Junior superintendents have been asking again and again. These are exercises, drills, etc., suitable for a public meeting:

Luther's Coat of Arms
My Faith Looks Up to Thee—pantomime
Christmas With the Juniors
Thanksgiving in the Junior League
Like Jesus—devotional exercises
Here I Stand—dramatization
The Story of Queen Esther—dramatization
Wanted: A Leader!—exercise
Fifty Seven Varieties of Projects for the Juniors.

Get these, forty cents for the entire set. Or purchase any one of them at the rate of forty cents a dozen. The dramatization, "Here I Stand" is fine for your Reformation meeting this month. Use also the Thanksgiving and Christmas leaflets listed above.

See the inside cover page for the rest of our Junior literature.

OHIO.—At the convention of the Luther League of the Synod of Ohio, eleven new Leagues were reported. Prospects are fine for more this Fall. Six Juniors gave an exercise and the program of the Junior Department was presented. An informal conference of interested workers was held, which was helpful. Much interest is being shown in the Reading Course Contest in Ohio. Sister Alma, the Junior Secretary, says, "somebody has been working." Ohio

is pushing New York hard for second place in the Junior Department—and Sister Alma is the one to whom much of the credit is due!

PENNSYLVANIA.—Pennsylvania had a splendid report on their Junior work at their Reading convention. They reported 35 new Junior Leagues, 34 Leagues on the Honor Roll of the Luther League of America, 257 taking out Sustaining Memberships, \$274.18 contributed to the Andhra Christian College Junior Fund, and a series of Institutes planned for this Fall.

The Juniors also held a convention all their own during the convention. It rained hard all afternoon, but that made no difference, the Juniors came from all parts of the District, and enjoyed a most interesting program:

Processional—Junior Luther League Rally Hymn
Devotional Services—in charge of Grace Junior League, Reading
Hymn No. 189; Creed; Prayer by Junior—Kenneth Brown
Scripture Lesson—by Junior—Frederich Hentrich
Address of Welcome—Geo. Seidel, President Grace Junior League
Greetings, Mr. Walter Banker, President Luther League of America
Hymn No. 290
Recitation—"Welcome"—Emma Louise Luckenbill.
Kutztown Junior League
Recitation—"Is Thine Heart Right?"—Mary Luckenbill, Kutztown
Solo—Daniel Klohs—Peace, Riverside Junior League
Dramatization—"Ruth," Junior League Newmans-town
Recitation—Mary Weik—Newmans-town Junior League
Recitation—Lucy Sands—Faith, Mt. Penn Junior League
Solo—Grace Neff—Faith, Mt. Penn Junior League
Dramatization—"The Baby Moses"—Redeemer, Oakbrook Junior League
Song—10 Girls—Grace Junior League, Shillington
Exercise—A Junior Luther League Meeting—St. John's, Mohnton
Story—Miss Margaret Niklaus, Pittsburgh
Pantomime—"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"—Grace Junior League, Reading
Reports of District Delegates
Hymn No. 220
Lord's Prayer, Benediction.

Some one at the convention remarked how well the Juniors conducted their whole convention, it went through without a break. Pennsylvania Juniors always do things that way. And Mr. Banker, President of the Luther League of America, who came to the Junior convention especially to give words of greeting, went back to the main convention in Trinity Church, and told them he "had hated to leave the Junior session because the Juniors were doing so splendidly."

PACIFIC NORTHWEST.—From the far-off Pacific Northwest Junior Secretary comes this message—which was part of her report at their convention. Miss Digree writes, "the importance of Junior and Intermediate League work cannot be overemphasized in our church program. I feel sure that if the Senior Leagues were more enthusiastic, the children could be easily interested. This responsibility has been placed on us—to or-

ganize and promote. This District has been given a quota of five new Leagues, and we have two. We have three more to organize, but *every* Senior League in the District this fall should organize a Junior League." This Secretary feels her responsibility. The Secretaries everywhere are loyally and splendidly holding up the hands of the Junior Secretary by carrying out in their district the plans she suggests. This is the way to make the Junior Department a big success.

HARTWICK SEMINARY.—At the Hartwick Seminary Summer Assembly in New York, the Junior Secretary had the privilege of presenting children's work in four periods, and three Story Hours. Everybody was interested, and we are looking for some new Junior Leagues from among the churches represented there!

HONOR ROLL.—This is our final report on the Statistical Blanks for this year. Seventy-two Leagues have been placed on the Honor Roll. We think this a remarkably good showing. Red Star Certificates have been issued to Christiansted, St. Croix, Virgin Islands, and St. John's, Mohnton, Pa., and a Blue Star Certificate to Grace, Shillington, Pa., in addition to those already reported. Now, let's all work together to reach every point on the Standard this year—beginning with September, 1926—to July, 1927. We want as many as possible on our Honor Roll and as many Gold Star Leagues as possible. Get the Junior Standard in the new Packet, and follow the twelve points.

OUR GOALS FOR SALISBURY.—200 new Junior Leagues. We don't want to go to Salisbury if we cannot report we have reached this goal! We already have 65, and with the long list of prospects this fall, we should have a large number to add to this shortly. Each one at work, helping that other congregation that does not have a Junior League, and we will soon reach the goal of 200!

A large number of Gold Star Junior Leagues. We want all the Leagues on the Honor Roll, and as many Gold Star Leagues as possible. Again, we say, begin now and reach all twelve points on the Junior Standard by June 1.

A large number of Juniors completing the 1926 Junior Reading Course.—We have a good list already. Let's add to it by December 1. A Banner to that State (or District in Pennsylvania or New York) group of Juniors with the largest percentage completing the Course.

A large number of Junior leaders at Salisbury.—Plan now to go. We want just as many of the Junior secretaries and superintendents as possible to receive the inspiration and help which all will get at Salisbury. Plan now to spend your vacation at Salisbury next July.

THE JUNIORS' OWN CORNER

DEAR JUNIORS:

Did you go to a Junior Rally in September? Write to the Junior Secretary, and tell her about it!

Do not forget about the Poster on Luther which you are to make during October. Send it to the office before October 30. It may advertise your Reformation Meeting, or illustrate some scene in Luther's life, or tell something about the book, "Martin of Mansfeld," if you have studied it. We hope to receive some fine posters!

This month there is a missionary meeting, another on "Better Americans." There is another "Torchbearer" lesson. Most of the Junior Leaguers say they like these Bible meetings very much this year. Then there is a meeting about our Junior Reading Course—"Story Books I Like Best." Another meeting is one on "Guarding Our Tongues." And the last meeting is a Reformation Meeting. This is a special meeting. If you have a special program, write to the Junior Secretary and tell her about it.

Plan at your business meeting this month for some special Thanksgiving program next month. Be sure to help others.

Last month I promised to tell you about our new work for next year, about the new programs. But the General Secretary, Mr. Traver, who is Editor of this magazine, too, says I have written too much already. So I must leave that until next month.

Sincerely,

BRENDA L. MEHLHOUSE,
Junior Secretary.

November 7, 1926

MISSIONARY TOPIC

JUSTICE AND FAIR PLAY, WITH THE RULES OF THE GAME

Missionary topics from July to December are based on the book, "Better Americans No. III," by Herbert Wright Gates, price 75 cents, cloth binding only. Every Junior leader must have a copy of this book which contains full program outlines with suggestions for stories and dramatization.

The topic suggested for November combines chapters 10 and 12.

AIM.—To help the juniors to realize how necessary justice is to good will and peace, and that laws like rules of a game are developed, through experience for the protection of human rights and to create in them the resolve to be fair to others, to help in every way possible these causes which seek to establish justice among men and to form the purpose to respect and obey the law for the best good of all.

1. A favorite hymn.
2. Approach to the lesson. (See pages 113 and 123, following one point with the other.)
3. Development of the lesson. (See page 113.)
4. The four incidents (see pages 114-120) may be told and discussed.
5. These incidents may be followed by the development of lesson eleven. (See pages 124-127.)

6. Expressional and service activities may be chosen from those suggested for either or both chapters.

7. The program of worship may be arranged for either the beginning or the end of the session from suggestions in the two chapters.

8. Assignment in preparation for the next session. (See page 130.)

LOOKING AHEAD

The last chapter of *Better Americans* will furnish the topic for the December meeting—The Church. Beginning with January the plan of lesson will change completely. From January to June we are to go on a tour of Moslem lands. The book to be used is *Two Young Arabs*, price, 75 cents, cloth, 50 cents, paper. The helps are unusually fascinating. There is a little volume of helps for leaders entitled *How to Use Two Young Arabs*, price, 15 cents. This contains program suggestions, patterns for handwork, on the order of those furnished for *Brave Adventurers*, and also practical plans described after using the course in a Demonstration School for boys and girls. One copy of this booklet will be included in each Light Brigade Program Packet. The program packets are priced at thirty cents, and will contain, in addition to the booklet *How to Use*, a number of other leaflets giving story material and other helps. The boys and girls will be intensely interested in the *Tickets* which have been prepared for use in connection with the tour. They are printed to resemble regular tourist tickets, with a little coupon to be punched at each session, priced at ten cents a dozen.

Modes of travel cut-outs are furnished also in sheets with six patterns on each sheet. There is a camel for the journey through Arabia, an elephant for India, a horse for Persia, a Nile boat for North Africa, a kneeling camel for Egypt, and a donkey on which they enter Jerusalem. These patterns are priced at ten cents per dozen sheets.

Leaders who used the poster patterns for *Brave Adventurers* will be delighted to hear of the *poster patterns for Two Young Arabs*. They were made by Maude Evelyn Bradley and are priced at fifty cents a set.

All of these supplies are now ready and leaders making their plans early should send in their orders.



November 14, 1926

PHILIP, WHO CARRIED THE TORCH TO A MAN IN A CHARIOT

Acts 8:26-31

(This is one of the Bible Torchbearer Lessons. Review the other Torchbearer lessons.)

Scripture Lesson—A Man, A Chariot and a Book—Acts 8:26-31

Bible Readings—

Divine Guidance.—Psalm 23:2

Obedience.—Acts 10:2

Listen to the Spirit.—John 14:26

Know the Bible.—John 5:39

Preaching Jesus.—1 Cor. 1:23

Faith.—John 3:14, 15.

Leader (one of the Juniors)—We have been learning how God's Word and promises were passed down from one to another. After Jesus Himself came to be the Light of the World, and then went back again to heaven, He needed others to carry on His work. He gave this work to His disciples to do. Today we shall learn of one who helped carry the message of the Gospel to another.

Philip was one of Jesus' disciples. In today's story God called him to go and do some work for Him. Will some one tell us of this?

Junior—Philip had been preaching in Samaria with Peter and John and was about to return with them, when an angel of the Lord appeared to him, and told him not to go to Jerusalem, but to go down toward the south on the road which led from Jerusalem to Gaza. Philip went.

Leader—Sometimes we are not always ready to do as God wants us to do. We must be willing to let God lead us. Will some one else read us about God leading us?

Junior—Reads Ps. 23:2.

Leader—Philip obeyed God and went down the road to Gaza. In our Junior League we want boys and girls who are willing to obey and do the things given them to do. If there is a meeting to be led, or work to be done, we should be ready to do it. Let us have a verse read telling us of another man who was obedient.

Junior—Reads Acts 10:2.

Leader—When Philip went down the road he found there a wonderful thing. God often leads us into strange places to do His work, and often tells us to do strange things because He wants us to do some big work. As Philip went down the way he saw a chariot coming toward him and in it a man reading a book. Will some one tell us of this?

Junior—This man was a man from Ethiopia, a country in North Africa, a man of great power and authority, in charge of all the queen's treasure. He came from a land which did not know about God, but strange enough he was reading the Bible. He was willing to listen to the voice of God speaking to him, to see whether it was able to tell him anything.

Leader—We have a verse in John which tells us how God's Holy Spirit teaches us.

Junior—Reads John 14:26.

Leader—Do you suppose the man from

Ethiopia knew what he was reading, did he understand it?

Junior—Our story tells us that Philip ran up beside the chariot, and saw that the man was reading the Bible. It was open at the prophecies of Esias. Philip said to him, "Do you understand what you are reading?" And the man replied, "How can I understand this unless someone explains it to me?" You see God was sending Philip to the man from Ethiopia, that he might help him.

Leader—Is it a good thing always to know the Bible?

Junior—Reads 5:39.

Leader—How can we better understand it?

Junior—We can listen to our lessons in Sunday School, we can learn to tell more Bible stories, we can read our Bibles every day.

Leader—What part of the Bible was the Ethiopian man reading?

Junior—Reads Acts 8:32, 33.

Leader—What did Philip do then?

Junior—Our story tells us that Philip read these verses, and then he began to preach. He explained them to the man, and then he told him of Jesus and His power.

Leader—Who will read another verse about preaching Jesus?

Junior—Reads 1 Cor. 1:23.

Leader—What happened when Philip preached about Jesus?

Junior—The man believed and was baptized.

Leader—Read another verse about Faith.

Junior—Reads John 3:14, 15.

the hospital or orphanage. Or you might pack a box or basket for a needy family.

In addition to the material given in the leaflet have the following Bible stories told: Mary's "Thank You."—John 12:1-3
A Leper's "Thank You."—Luke 17:12-19
Paul's "Thank You."—1 Tim. 1:12
Zaccheus' Thanks.—Luke 19:8
Thanks for Help.—Exod. 15:1
Humble Thanks.—Gen. 32:10.



November 28, 1926

MY FAVORITE BIBLE STORY

John 6:1-14

(This is one of the Topics where the Juniors may "choose." The week before the meeting have them select the Bible story they like best, and at the meeting have them tell these stories. The larger part of the meeting can be given over to the telling by the Juniors of one Bible story after another. Put a list of Bible stories on the blackboard the week before, which will suggest to the Juniors stories from which they may choose—Abraham, Moses, Daniel, Joseph, Samson, Jonah, the Good Samaritan, the Prodigal Son, the Wise Man story, the Parable of the sower, etc.)

THE TOPIC

Hymn.

Bible Lesson—The Story of the Feeding of the Multitudes. John 6:1-14. Told by a Junior. Superintendent should add thought that the Bible stories we are to hear are the Bread of Life.

Sentence Prayers—By Juniors.

O Lord, be with us in this Story Hour, and make us ready to hear the lessons taught.

We thank Thee, dear Lord, for all the beautiful stories of the Bible. Help us to learn them day by day until our hearts are filled with their lessons.

Let the stories we hear today, Lord, help us to grow into better men and women.

Help us to understand the stories which we read in Thy Book.

Guide all those who tell stories to boys and girls, that they may help them rightly.

May the stories we hear today be like seed sown, grow into beautiful deeds.

Help us to follow the example of the fine people we shall hear about.

Some Bible Stories—By six Juniors (have Juniors tell these stories).

The Prodigal Son.—Luke 15:11-13

The Flood.—Gen. 6:5-8, 7:1

Samson.—Judges 16:20, 21, 25, 30

Wise Virgins.—Matt. 25:1-13

Caleb and Joshua.—Numbers 13:17-19, 28-30

Paul in Prison.—Acts 16:25-34.

My Favorite Bible Story—Have each Junior, as the Roll is called, tell his favorite Bible story.

(Let each tell the story without giving the name of the person about whom he is talking —"I am thinking of a man who was sent by God to go to a great city to preach, but who

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REAL THANK-YOU'S

John 15:12-14

(Plan your Thanksgiving meeting several weeks ahead. Get the leaflet, "Thanksgiving in the Junior League"—40 cents a dozen—and use the suggestions given there. This will give you ample material for a program. Why not plan a public meeting and invite the parents?)

Plan to help others at Thanksgiving. You might have a "Can Party" and have the Juniors bring canned goods to be sent to

went in just the opposite direction, went on a ship, was in a storm, thrown overboard, and swallowed by a big fish." Then have the Juniors guess the story told.)

(Write the stories on the blackboard as they are told—the titles—and have the Juniors vote which one they all like best.)

The Greatest Story in the Bible—The story of Jesus told by the Superintendent. (This should be a brief review of the life of Jesus.)

Closing Hymn—I Think When I Read that Sweet Story.

Lord's Prayer.

That's a HELP!

ANDHRA CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

(Tune—Onward Christian Soldiers)

Andhra Christian College
In East India,
We brave Luther Leaguers
Will not say you nay,
We have pledged assistance
For your full success,
And our faithful labors
God will surely bless.

Refrain

Andhra Christian College
In East India,
We brave Luther Leaguers
Could not say you nay.

Like a mighty bulwark,
Checking the advance
Of vain superstition
And gross ignorance,
So the solid building
Which we here erect,
Stands for Christian progress
Which all must respect.

Refrain

Andhra Christian College, etc.

Here we have a union
Binding East and West,
Where the Church of Jesus
Is revered and blessed;
So we stand united
One in faith and love;
For our Andhra College
Points to things above.

Refrain

Andhra Christian College, etc.

Words by *George H. Trabert, D.D.*



RADIO SONG

At the Michigan Convention the following song was inflicted on the patient banqueters. Needness to say A.J.T. B M D!

O—A.J.T.

Sweet A.J.T.

What X T C

When U I C

Who could 4 C

Your N T T

Would B T N T 2 Me

Sweet A.J.T.

RIGHTEOUS INDIGNATION

In all domestic matters it is well to think twice before you speak, warns Karl de Schweinitz, general secretary of the Family Society of Philadelphia.

He cites the case of an old Pennsylvania farmer, who was driving his wife to town in a sleigh.

Just as they were rounding a corner a youngster let fly with a snowball, which struck the wife.

"Confound you!" cried the farmer to the boy, as he shook his fist at him. "If you had struck me, I'd killed you!"



O, YOU WOMEN!

"Why are you crying, little girl?"

"Two boys were fighting, and I got struck with a stone."

"That's the way! The innocent bystander always gets hurt."

"I don't know as I was an innocent bystander. I was what they was fighting about."—*Selected.*



"There are handshakes, high and haughty
There are cordial handshakes, too;
There are handshakes, gripping painful,
There are handshakes warm and true.
There are handshakes cold and icy,
There's a limp and listless clasp,
But the handshake you get at our League,
Is a warm and friendly grasp."

Along with the above, though, remember a Christian Leaguer is—

A MIND

Through which Christ thinks.

A HEART

Through which Christ loves.

A VOICE

Through which Christ speaks.

A HAND

Through which Christ helps.

From Washington, D. C., Newsletter.

Selma Trede is guilty!



THE RISING GENERATION

The gentleman in the subway train always recognized by his get up.—*From Life.*

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BE CURIOUS

Do you know whether your Church sends in its apportionment to Synod in full? Why not find out? Ask your Church Treasurer, and if not, find out why. You Leaguers are members of the Church and have a right and duty to know what part your Church is taking in the financing of the Kingdom of God.

Do you know what the apportionment is? The United Lutheran Church works on a budget basis. At its convention it studies the needs of the mission fields, at home and abroad, of the aged retired pastors, of the orphans, and all the charities that have claims on the Church, of the schools, preparatory, college and seminary, of the Deaconess Homes and all the interests of the Church. To this amount is added a modest amount for salaries and running expenses. This sum is divided by the number of members in the United Lutheran Church and your Church is asked to give on the basis of the members it reports. This seems fair enough.

Do you believe in representative government? If you do then your Church is obligated by the budget which its representatives at the United Lutheran Church Convention adopt. Because so many Churches excused themselves last year, the Church has actually had to *retrench* on the mission fields. That is another word for retreat. A new carpet, a new organ, a new Church, a mortgage to pay off or interest to raise, all these serve as alibis for not raising the apportionment quotas. Let the young folks stir themselves and, if necessary, pester the Church leadership into a recognition of their obligation.

I was once pastor of a mission. When I was called the Home Mission Board entered into contract with me for part of my salary, \$400. The Home Mission Board is elected by the United Lutheran Church. The United Lutheran Church is elected by the Synods. The Synods consist of the pastors and one lay delegate from each Congregation. I believe that my contract was with the Congregations, yes and back of them, the individual members of the United Lutheran Church. I believe that the members of the United Lutheran Church were just as obligated to me as were the members of my

mission who contracted for the rest of the salary. This is a legal way of putting it but I hope that each Leaguer will feel the obligation to see that apportionments are paid.

After you get that slant on the whole question we will turn back to the best reason for giving, the love of the Lord. We will never get very far on the path of love while we excuse ourselves from duty.



NEW FEATURES

I wish I had \$1000 to spend on a larger REVIEW next year. If we had 1000 new subscribers I would nearly have my wish. I had planned on a new feature, a Forum on Peace and had secured the promise of help from Mr. John Cronk who is specializing on this problem. *But space forbids.*



REFORMATION

An alternative Reformation Day Topic was crowded out of the September issue. I suggest that every League plan some special recognition of Sunday, October 31st. Why not plan an afternoon mass meeting with a speaker for the occasion? Other societies in your Church would cooperate or if there are nearby Leagues secure a joint committee for a real celebration. The civic fruits of the Reformation added to the rebirth of religion offer plenty of reason for a larger celebration of the day. I should be glad to hear about your celebration.



COLLEGE DAYS

For many of our Leaguers these are the first days in College. Some are going to be disillusioned as to their dreams of easy conquest. There will be a sense of loneliness that may grow into real homesickness. The antidote is work. First lessons well learned mean easier work later. A medium between bashfulness and forwardness will bring the most friends. As in college so in life some will be friendly because they want something. A little care will help you to choose the real friends.

Above all find the Lutheran Church and offer your services to the pastor at the first opportunity. The fact that no one will seem to care whether you go to Church or not does not excuse you. The Lord still lives.

THE COMFORT OF MYSTERY

Angelina was a sore trial to her old pastor because she was a faddist. She was always enthusiastic about some new scheme that would solve the economic problems of the country, some book that had discovered the origin of life, or some theory that solved the mysteries of evil. If you could have plotted a graph of her mind, it would have looked like a herringbone. She never stayed on the main track long, but kept darting off to right or left on one barren lead or another.

Her newest fad was a book that purported to solve all the mysteries of religion and she was entranced with it.

"O, Dr. Sutherland," she exclaimed, "It's perfectly wonderful! It just rationalizes everything about religion and makes it all as simple as a b c."

"But, doctor, you haven't read it; so how can you say you don't like it?" persisted Angelina.

"Because, Angelina," replied the doctor, "when you have taken the mystery out of religion, you have taken the comfort out of it. A God whom you could compass with the mind would be no God to you, would he? It is the same with the personality of Christ, and the other mysteries about religion. Mind you, I'm not saying that we shouldn't use our minds. It was Christ Himself who said, 'Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with . . . all thy mind.' But, Angelina, it's the unfathomable in our religion that is the comforting things in it. The old poem says of Christ.

"O to have watched thee through the vineyards wander,

Pluck the ripe ears and into evening roam;

Followed and known that in the twilight yonder

Legions of angels shone about thy home.'

"That's it, Angelina," he said gently. "The instincts of humanity have always followed Christ home through the twilight of His humanity into the glory of His sonship in the eternal dwelling place. People say that in a clear-thinking age like this you can't get the world to believe in a miracle. As a matter of fact, the fathomless needs of the human soul will not let men believe in anything less stupendous and divine.

"I ran across a little thing the other day," he continued, "written by one of the rarest mystics of England in the nineteenth century, that sums it all up. He says, 'When men have spun their last compassable theory of religion and of life, the weary and heart-broken children of men will be found breaking through the meshes of argument, sweeping away the glosses from divine truth, and casting themselves upon that mystery of

mercy and might which is as the mystery of the stars.'

"I think he's right, Angie," said the old minister affectionately. "Always suspect the man who makes truth too simple."—*Youth's Companion*.

THE COMMON FAULT

A professor in a western college has been making tests in connection with his classes in psychology to find out what is the most general fault among his students; that is, a habit which could not be classed as a sin or a crime or a misdemeanor, but a failure in the sum total of characteristics that mark a successful man or woman.

What do you think he found? Thoughtlessness. His tests were very simple, and even childish.

He left a book lying on the floor where every student saw it as he came into the classroom. Seven students stepped over the book without trying to pick it up. The eighth kicked it a little farther along the aisle. Four students stepped on the book, evidently not even seeing it. The twentieth student picked up the book and put it on the professor's table.

There were three pictures on the walls of the classroom. The professor hung these askew and a week went by before any one appeared to notice it, and then no one straightened the pictures, but one of the students asked the teacher if they ought not to be hung even.

One of the commonest excuses that men make after some harm has been done to some one or something, is, "I'm sorry; I didn't think." A man runs into another car with his, and causes a smash-up or perhaps a tragedy. He is sorry. He did not think he was in any danger. The man fails to be on time with his appointment, wasting valuable time for the man waiting. "So sorry! I did not think it was so late!"

And so it goes all along the line of thoughtlessness. Perhaps the professor was right in his final conclusions.

"Thoughtlessness is not a fault of habit. It is a sin and a crime combined, for it leads almost always to both."—*Dr. Charles M. Sheldon, in Christian Herald*.

IN THE PANTRY

Our Keys Are Home in the Same Place

The manager had forgotten his pen-knife, and everybody else, it seemed, had forgotten theirs.

He called the office boy, who was able to furnish the desired article.

"How is it, Tommy," asked the manager, "that you alone of my office staff always seem to have your knife with you?"

"I suppose," replied the boy, "it's because I can't afford more than one pair of pants."

General Secretary's Letter

DEAR FAMILY:

I have come to believe that our Leaguers are the nicest, most considerate, best positioned young folks anywhere. By conversation with other men in general work and by experience I know how much it means to be met at a train, to be looked after, watched over and made to feel that you are really a welcome guest. My nephews and nieces, north and south, east and west, have gone out of their way to make me sure I was one of the family when in their home town.

My recent visit to the south was a constant revelation of thoughtfulness. Those southern boys and girls said such nice things and did such kind things that I finally had to appoint one official delegate at each convention to say mean things. It was my only salvation, for my pride was expanding along with my hatband. Between my wife who returned from the Women's Convention at Salisbury with a southern complex and Miss May Scherer who booms the south with the zeal of a Florida Realtor, I had wondered whether all could be true. The south lived up to its reputation, in fact, I had not been told the half.

Good attendance, splendid leadership and an ambitious program of service characterized the Virginia Convention at Bluefield, W. Va. A memorable event was the dedication of a Life Service Flag by Dr. McCauley. The flag is patterned after the Christian flag excepting that it hangs as a banner with blue field and red cross in the upper left. The stars of those preparing for full time service are on the white field and moved to the blue field when the candidates are actually installed in their life work. Dr. and Mrs. McCauley were later surprised by the gift of "Handy," that indispensable aid to Church social life.

The Winston Conference had come to Roanoke in a chartered bus, a real Pullman car on rubber wheels. Under the leadership of Rev. T. A. Graves of New Market I was kidnapped and taken for a weekend trip up the Shenandoah Valley. I preached Sunday at Strassburg and New Market, went through the Shenandoah Caverns, saw the place where Peter Muhlenberg changed his gown for a uniform, held the pewter baptismal bowl that he had used, spent three wonderful hours at Natural Bridge, visited battle fields where brother met brother in mortal combat, saw beautiful orchards, rolling farm lands, ate fried chicken enough to satisfy even a preacher's cravings and left

hoping for a chance to come again. This excursion ended at Roanoke where a rally of Leaguers was awaiting me.

North Carolina meeting at China Grove is the largest League in the southland. Its program was splendidly prepared and its organization shows intelligent leadership. In fact the whole south is fortunate in leaders. Pastors as a rule sit back and say little on the floor of conventions. Yet they are there interested in every discussion but keeping in the background. This results in a real youth convention. A large balance in the treasury and a big budget including splendid aid to local institutions as well as missionary objectives, are good indications of the health of North Carolina.

At China Grove the home of Dr. and Miss Stirewalt was in every fine meaning of the word, home to me. Here music reigns as queen. The very house seems to have been built around the piano. One recalls how much music used to center the family life in the days long gone. One remembers how gathered around the organ or piano the whole family sang the hymns they loved. What influence upon mind and heart of the young folks these hymns must have swayed. Even the love songs of those days made their romantic impression quite apart from the noisy jazz of today with its "horses, horses, horses." Are we getting old? Well, as we intended to say, it was a memorable resting place on a rushing schedule.

China Grove is but a few miles from Salisbury. I was shown the Convention Church now nearly completed, a perfect masterpiece of the builder's art. As we drove up to the Church the first thing that I saw was the League emblem in a window over the door. How splendidly appropriate! July 2nd to 5th, 1927, will find us all on hand for our *greatest convention*.

South Carolina met in the Summerland section of Newberry College. This was a good place to meet and the College authorities made every effort to give the delegates a good time. Here again I was delighted with the spirit and with the splendid leadership. There is nothing narrow nor provincial about these young folks. They see the world and its needs and set about to try to do their share in meeting these needs. At the same time they stand ready to provide generously for their own.

The story of the growth of the Southern Seminary as told by Dr. Greever is interesting. Just after the war there was a year when no candidates entered. The simple

fact was stated to the young folks at their conventions and this coming season will see forty-four students in preparation. If there is a need in the Church, tell the young folks and that need will be met. Dr. Voigt was another faithful attendant at this convention. The young folks' movement in the south looks upon him as a father. His theory and example in the Luther League is faith in the youth to carry out their own program. The result of leaving discussion to the young folks is fine leadership. Self-reliance comes with responsibility.

Following South Carolina I made the long trip to Kitchener, Canada, where the organizations belonging to the former Central Canada and Canada Synods merged on Labor Day. I had hoped that this new merged Luther League of the Canada Synod would be ready to reunite with the Luther League of America and I gave them a hearty invitation. My invitation was received most favorably and a committee appointed to report at the next convention. I look ahead confidently for action then. The existence of a separate young folks' organization in a section of the United Lutheran Church is without rhyme or reason.

My summer school schedule closed with Thiel, Susquehanna and Hartwick. The seven schools visited offered an opportunity to reach many hundreds of Lutherans with information about the League. It was not exactly a vacation but certainly time well invested for the League.

Our Clarence is back from the Pacific trip with enthusiastic reports as to the good health of the League movement. Contacts are cold unless personal and we must yield to the appeal of our far western leaders for at least biannual visits. Many letters of appreciation have come to us for his visit. Clarence Dittmer is always a tonic at League conventions.

The United Lutheran Church is meeting in Richmond, Virginia, October 19th. This is *our* Church. I call upon every Luther League to offer prayer at devotionals this month that the Lord Jesus may master the minds and hearts of officers and delegates, to the smothering of selfish ambitions, to the death of jealousy and envy, to the wiping out of sectionalisms and to a unity of purpose that will assure the future of our Church. Let us follow their proceedings with interest and let us offer ourselves unreservedly for the program they may adopt.

Yours faithfully,

Arvo John Traver

THE CHICAGO LUTHERAN BIBLE SCHOOL

"The Chicago Lutheran Bible School is a higher institution of learning and has grown out of a long-felt need for greater Biblical knowledge and better training of all our Christian workers everywhere. It exists then, for the purpose of providing for prospective ministers, missionaries, Sunday School teachers, parish workers, nurses and others a thorough and intensive course of study in the Bible as the Holy and Inspired Word of God. The sixty-six books of the Bible are the text-books and their mastery requires the use of hundreds of commentaries and thousands of books for collateral and reference works as well as the best methods of study known to the educational world today. So we think the difference between part-time Bible schools and a full-time Bible school is quite apparent. In short, we might put it this way: The ideal of the Chicago Lutheran Bible School is that it might become to the study of the Bible and the science of Christianity or the Spiritual life what Johns Hopkins and other scientific and research schools are to the study of material science and the principles governing the life of the physical body."

"From this you will see, too, that there is no conflict between the Seminary and the Bible School. On the contrary, they are nearly perfect complements, one to the other. The Seminary provides a more technical and historical theological training, while the Bible School furnishes the intensive study and research in the Word itself. We have heard many a pastor say after years of service that he wished he might have had the opportunity to study at a Bible School in his preparation. There is a growing consciousness of the fact that unless one be filled himself he cannot feed others. Jesus said, 'The words that I speak are spirit and life.' We *must learn* those words first ourselves before we can teach them to others."

The Chicago Lutheran Bible School offers courses in Bible Teaching, Parish Work, Inner Mission Activity, Missions, Sunday School Work and Evangelism. The courses offered are, a one year course, a two year course, a correspondence course, an evening course and extension classes. The School publishes the Bible Student Bi-monthly at \$1.00 the year. A Catalog will be mailed free on request by writing Chicago Lutheran Bible School, 2716-273 Washington Boulevard, Chicago, Ill.

The information regarding the Chicago Lutheran Bible School was quoted from one of the issues of *The Bible Student* in reply to queries which have come to our office concerning Lutheran Bible Schools.

Conventions



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the ministry.

THE LUTHER LEAGUE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

(Miss Winnie Butt)

The Luther League of South Carolina held its Sixteenth Annual Convention at Newberry College, Summerland Section, Leesville, S. C., September 1-3, Mr. C. K. Derrick, presiding. The meeting was opened enthusiastically with a banquet. The Convention Theme, "Know Thy Church," was presented in inspiring addresses. It was developed in the following way:

"Know Thy Church; Its History and Doctrine,"—Rev. Mr. A. G. Voigt, D.D., Columbia.

"Know Thy Church; Its Enterprises and Activities,"—Rev. Mr. R. H. Anderson, Lynchburg, Va.

"Know Thy Church; Its Work in Japan,"—Rev. Mr. L. G. Gray, Returned Missionary.

"Know Thy Church; Its Work in India,"—Rev. Mr. Harry Goedeke, Returned Missionary.

"Know Thy Church; Its Opportunities and Resources,"—Rev. Mr. A. M. Huffman, Kings Mountain, N. C.

Rev. Mr. A. J. Traver, Educational Secretary of the Luther League of America, addressed the Convention in an able and forceful manner. The Luther League had been looking forward to having Mr. Traver with them and his influence and help were greatly appreciated.

Devotions and Vespers were conducted by Rev. Mr. W. F. Hiers, Mr. Lethco Bumgarner, Mr. Boyd Hamm, Rev. Mr. Karl W. Kinard, Mr. Voigt Cromer, Mrs. Harry Goedeke and Rev. Mr. F. G. Morgan.

The League was happy to have these speakers and leaders at its Convention and was especially grateful for the presence of Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Goedeke and Rev. Mr. L. G. Gray, returned missionaries. Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Goedeke brought greetings from Rev. Mr. Carl B. Caughman, a former president, now in India.

The reports of the officers, Secretaries and Committees were splendid and very encouraging.

Greetings were brought from many visiting representatives.

A budget of \$2875.00 was adopted for the coming year. The League voted to become a \$25.00 Sustaining Member of the L. L. of A. and to give \$1000.00 to the Lowman Home payable in three years.

The music for the Convention was furnished by Lexington, Charleston and Columbia.

The following officers were elected:

President—C. K. Derrick, Columbia, S. C.

Vice-President—Miss Winnie Butt, Charleston, S. C.

Recording Secretary—Miss Mary Alice Suber, Newberry, S. C.

Corresponding Secretary—Miss Marion Stucke, Charleston, S. C.

Educational Life-Service Secretary—Miss Myrtle Davis, Columbia, S. C.

Missionary Secretary—Miss Lucy Brady, Little Mountain, S. C.

Intermediate Secretary—Miss Edna Lunden, Columbia, S. C.

Treasurer—D. Ellis Efrid, Lexington, S. C.

Archivist—Mrs. John D. Carroll, Lexington, S. C.

The Leaguers were as one happy family, meal-time being bright with songs and cheers. The kind hospitality of the College was greatly appreciated. They with the members of Wittenberg Church, Leesville, arranged a delightful picnic at McCarthy Springs, serving a delicious supper. The College and Mr. B. V. Shealy were thanked too, for the watermelon cutting and peaches.

The S. C. Leaguers showed a fine spirit of loyalty and earnestness during the entire convention and are looking forward to another year of greater service to the League and Church.

KANSAS STATE LUTHER LEAGUE CONVENTION

The annual meeting of the Kansas State Luther League was held during the week of August 14-21 at the Lutheran Camp near Junction City, Kansas. This splendid camp, owned and operated by the Synod of Kansas, makes an ideal place for the young people of the Synod. The attendance at this Convention was not as large as the officers had a right to expect. The large number of Intermediates present was another factor in this convention.

The Leaguers lived in tents and ate from "the family board" for an entire week. Devotional services were held every morning, the different delegates taking the leadership in the meetings. An interesting conference was held with Secretary R. J. Wolf, of the Intermediate League, presiding. Practical talks were given by the "Dean of Women" Mrs. Wm. Baurle of Wichita. The Educational Work, under the auspices, of Synod, was conducted by Rev. Mr. H. W. Monesmith of Bendena, and Rev. Mr. Charles A. Puls of Lawrence. Several of the pastors visited the camp during the convention, and addressed the Leaguers at different times.

The officers from last year were unanimously re-elected to serve for another term. The work of the Luther League in Kansas has not been finished. Many of the churches have not Leagues organized as yet. It was the wish of the convention that the 1926-7 year be a great year in the history of the State Organization.

THE PUBLICITY COMMITTEE.

THE MICHIGAN LEAGUE

MEETS WITH SYNOD AT THEIR WAWASEE SUMMER SCHOOL

The Second Annual Convention of the Luther League of Michigan Synod was held at Lake Wawasee, Indiana, July 17th, in connection with the sessions of the Synodical Summer School. The convention proper was preceded by a series of discussions under the leadership of the General Secretary of the Luther League of America, the Rev. Amos J. Traver. His topics included the following: "Education," "Missions," "Life Service," and "Responsibilities." These discussions, being of a practical as well as theoretical nature, were well received and highly appreciated by the delegates in attendance.

The business sessions of the convention were held on Saturday in the chapel. The morning session at 9:30 included a devotional service in charge of the President, Rev. G. Charles Goering, Battle Creek, Michigan, and was followed by brief reports from the various officers and committees. In these reports the progress of the past years was noted and

recommendations were made for the coming year. The outstanding accomplishment of the past year was the raising of \$349.12, an oversubscription of \$49.12. The Treasurer, Mr. James Olson of Elkhart, Indiana, reported of over \$100 in the treasury.

Two new Leagues, which had been actively engaged in the work of the Synodical League for the past year, were officially received. They were the Luther League of the Bryant Lutheran Church, Portland, Ind., and the Luther League of the Lutheran Church at La Otto, Ind. During the past year three new Junior Leagues were organized, an increase of 300 per cent (there was only 1 Junior League a year ago). Miss Loye Bayliss is the Junior Secretary and helped materially in bringing about this increase.

At the afternoon session a number of items of business were transacted. For its Missionary object this coming year the Michigan Synod Luther League will raise \$500 for the Oesterlen Orphan's Home at Springfield, Ohio. The convention also voted to put forth effort to promote the work of the Junior and Intermediate Departments. The matter of Sustaining Memberships was discussed and the Synodical League contributed \$25 to this fund. The delegates were encouraged to promote this sphere of Luther League activity in their respective congregations. It was also unanimously voted to continue *The Bulletin*, the official paper of the Michigan Synod Luther League, in order that the local leagues may be kept in closer touch with developments in the Synodical and National organizations.

The election of officers for the coming year, resulted as follows:

President—The Rev. G. Charles Goering, Battle Creek, Mich.

Vice-President—Mr. Kenneth Shook, Detroit, Michigan.

Recording Secretary—Miss Margaret Heckaman, Nappanee, Indiana.

Corresponding Secretary—Miss Lulu Eby, Nappanee, Indiana.

Treasurer—Mr. Christian Breest, Detroit, Michigan.

Executive Committee (Members at Large)—Mr. Ernest Ulery, Middlebury, Indiana; Miss Mildred Oakes, Elkhart, Indiana.

One of the outstanding features of the Convention was the "Pep" Banquet held on Saturday evening. Despite the many handicaps which presented themselves the committee in charge, under the leadership of Miss Dorothy Keck of South Bend, Indiana, arranged a splendid meal and program. The delegates were seated according to districts and a group spirit developed which speaks well for the further advancement of the Luther League program on the territory of the Michigan Synod. President Goering presided at the banquet and a number of short addresses were given interspersed with yells, songs, and "wisecracks." Among the speakers were the following: The Rev. A. H. Keck, President of the Michigan Synod; the Rev. A. J. Traver, General Secretary; Miss Brenda L. Mehlhouse, Junior Secretary; and the Rev. G. Charles Goering. At the close of the banquet the Rev. A. J. Traver used the candle-light ceremony for the installation of the newly-elected officers. The service proved most impressive.



The Michigan Executives



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CHRISTINE
BAIR
OF
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CALIFORNIA

No wonder
Clarence
Dittmer
liked the
West!

DISTRICT LEAGUE OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

(Eleanor Boehmer)

On the sixth of August, 1926, just as the sky above the blue Pacific was all aglow with the glory of the setting sun, a number of enthusiastic young people gathered in First Church, Los Angeles, to hold the greatest convention in the history of the District Luther League of Southern California.

Over one hundred and twenty joyous Leaguers were seated at the gaily decorated tables to partake of the delicious banquet prepared by the mothers of First Church Leaguers, and to enjoy the spicy toasts. A martial rally song and a reverent Luther League Prayer, prize winners in a song contest given by the District League, added zest to the program.

Following the inspirational devotional service conducted by the pastor loci, Dr. W. S. Dysinger, the business session was called to order by our president Miss Christine Bair. A tri-headed goal for the ensuing year was enthusiastically adopted. The three special projects are: Sustaining Membership in the Luther League of America, Andhra Christian College and the sending of a delegate to the Salisbury Convention in 1927. Watch us reach our goal. Despite the allurements of charming Southern California during the summer months, nearly every League present reported progress and increasing interest in the home League. A beautiful banner was awarded to St. Paul's Luther League, Los Angeles, for having the largest percentage of increase in attendance during the past three months.

The presence of Mr. Clarence C. Dittmer, the Treasurer of the Luther League of America, helped make the evening a complete success. He opened to us visions of service, gave us glimpses of splendid accomplishments that lie "Just Beyond the Horizon." The instrumental and vocal music rendered was of a truly devotional type. It was quite late in the evening before the beautiful strains of our glorious Luther League Rally Hymn brought to a close this wonderfully inspiring convention.

THE LUTHER LEAGUE OF OHIO

(Miss Mazie Swarengen)

Sharing the program of the Lakeside Conference the League finds full recognition in the program of Synod.

If it is true that one is part of all that he meets, then approximately seven hundred people who went to Lakeside during the week of July 26th for the annual summer conference went away vastly enriched by the contacts they enjoyed while there. This was the Fifth Annual Summer School of Missions and Church work and from all angles it was judged most profitable and enjoyable.

The speakers were, many of them figures of national and even international significance. On



A DAWN SERVICE
AT LAKESIDE

Leaguers are not
afraid of early hours.

cannot enumerate the entire list but a few notes concerning some of these speakers will make more clear the merits of the program.

Dr. Bell, who led the Bible Study periods is not only a very successful pastor but readers of the *Lutheran*, who have been profiting by his articles "The Gist of the Bible" will be glad to know that through a national newspaper syndicate these articles will be available throughout this country.

Dr. Chas. Lewis presented very practical aspects of Sunday School work in his lectures and discussions. Dr. Lewis is regarded as one of the leading authorities inter-denominationally on the Church School.

Dr. Birch, Professor of Philosophy of Wittenberg College, spoke on "Attitudes." Dr. Birch, already a member of several British organizations of note was recently honored by Oxford University.

Mrs. Howard Bechtold is a national figure in the Woman's Missionary Movement, having taught at Lake Wauwausee and at Lake Geneva, Wis.

Mrs. Copenhaver needs no introduction to Lutherans or even to those of other denominations who are interested in church pageantry. Mrs. Copenhaver also spoke at the Methodist Conference which was in session at Lakeside at the same time as that of our Church.

It is possible here to refer to only part of the missionaries present.

The Y. M. C. A. has no greater worker than Arthur Rugb of China. The challenge of his message aroused in all who heard him a new sense of their personal responsibility in world evangelization.

Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Victor McCauley have done a great work in India. They not only won the confidence of their converts but were also very highly regarded by the Hindus and Mohammedans.

Dr. Drach gave a very interesting but brief resume of conditions as he found them in his survey of missions around the world.

The Pastors' Conference was led by Dr. Perry, ex-president of Midland College and an authority on pastoral work.

These are only a few of the leaders present. Could one meet figures of this magnitude and go away no broader than he came? Surely not!

This Conference was also the occasion for the State Luther League Convention. Through the courtesy of the committee on arrangements, Thursday was set apart as Luther League Day.

This session was opened with Matins, conducted by Rev. Mr. D. Bruce Young. The appeal made by Rev. Mr. Young was that our youth stand foursquare for the gospel. He granted that a questioning mind was not to be disparaged so long as youth remained obedient to the command.

Miss Alice Grogg of Mansfield conducted very capably a conference on the educational program of the L. L. Of special interest and value were her posters.

The program of the local league was outlined in a conference led by Walter Hildebrandt of Springfield. Though time did not permit the discussion of all phases of this question, very rich suggestions were made on the conduct of the devotional, business and social activities.

No one can question the allegiance of Dr. Kohler, President of the Synod of Ohio, to the L. L. He discussed the relation between Synod and League. In this connection, Mr. Satre, Ohio's Luther League Field Secretary, suggested a program of education in regard to synodical matters.

The next speaker was Rev. Mr. Carl Sundberg of Springfield. In his usual breezy style, he dis-

cussed "Opportunities and Possibilities of the Young People of the U. L. C." His idea was to encourage giving rather than getting.

In the evening the Leagues of Toledo gave a very pleasing presentation of the Andhra Christian College pageant. The address by Rev. Mr. Amos Traver, "What Ought to Be Done, Can Be Done" was a fitting conclusion for the Convention. He cited the Andhra drive as an example. There was a need and courageous youth with the help of God brought to pass what seemed to more mature minds an impossible dream. He prophesied that with the young people of the Church educated in the joy of giving—the future of apportionments is assured. He emphasized that what ought to be done can be done—not through human agencies, but through Christ.

At the appeal of Rev. Mr. Traver, the evening offering was turned over to the State League's Andhra Christian College fund and Ohio went over the top with her quota!

The prospects for next year are exceedingly promising according to the report of Mr. Satre who announced the organization of forty-five new leagues. Mr. Elliot, life service secretary, gave a bright outlook for his work throughout the State.

Officers elected for the coming year were:
President—R. G. Lutz, Mansfield.
Vice-President—John Linsenmayer, Mansfield.
Recording Secretary—Miss Margaret Weisling, Findlay.
Statistical Secretary—Miss Alice Blanton, Lancaster.

New Member Executive Committee—Rev. Mr. D. Bruce Young.

OREGON-WASHINGTON

(Gus G. Weigelt)

Twenty-Sixth Convention of Columbia District
Luther League.

Vancouver, Wash., a city rich in historical interest and the second oldest in the Pacific Northwest, was the meeting place for the twenty-sixth convention of the Columbia District Luther League, comprising branches in Oregon and southern Washington, from Friday, August 20 to Sunday, August 22, inclusive.

The meetings were held in St. Paul's English Lutheran church of which Rev. Mr. Luther B. Deck is pastor.

The convention theme was "True to Duty"; the motto, "Each One With a Task, Each Task Being Done," and the hymn, "Faithful and Loyal," an original and fitting setting of words by Wm. E. Salzmann, past district president, to the tune of "I Must Tell Jesus," by E. A. Hoffman.

The convention opened with registration of delegates early Friday evening, August 20, and at 8 P.M. the opening service was held. Mr. C. C. Dittmer of New York City, national treasurer, gave the address at this service, his subject being "True to Duty—in the Church." Mr. Ralph Luedtke, president of the Vancouver League, gave the address of welcome, and was responded to by Miss Olive Abrahamson, district corresponding secretary. Miss Hilda Schassen, district president, spoke briefly, expressing delight at the large number in attendance at the opening session (the church was packed) and making convention announcements for the following day.

Saturday morning, preceded by a short song service, the convention opened for business, when the usual routine reports of the officers, including those of president, vice-president, corresponding secretary

and treasurer were heard as were also those of the following standing committees: Educational, Extension, Missionary, Life-Service, Junior, Intermediate, Finance and Press. Then followed the presentation of the president's banner to the Vancouver League for having scored the highest average during the year on the districts' "20 efficiency goals."

Greetings were brought from the Luther League of America by Mr. C. C. Dittmer, national treasurer, who spoke on the larger League work. Mr. Wm. E. Salzmann, past district president, spoke on the work of the district body. Adjournment was then taken for a noon recess, luncheon being served in the church parlors by the St. Paul's Ladies' Aid. A feature of the luncheon hour was a contest for the best two-minute talk on "What the Luther League Has Meant to Me," by one Leaguer under 18 years of age from each local society. Miss Gladys Adling of Vancouver was judged the winner, receiving a solid gold Luther League pin as a prize.

In the afternoon, unfinished business was disposed of and the reports of the committees on audits, resolution and nominations were heard. Election of officers then took place, the following being chosen for the ensuing year: President, Miss Hilda Schassen, The Dalles, Oregon; vice-president Ralph Luedtke, Vancouver, Wash.; recording secretary Miss Esther Hermans, Vancouver; corresponding secretary, Miss Olive Abrahamson, Portland, Ore.; and treasurer, Wm. E. Salzmann, Portland, Oregon. The following conferences took up the remainder of the afternoon: (1) "A Faithful Leaguer—How to Improve Our Devotional Meetings," led by Miss Olive Abrahamson; (2) "A Faithful Servant—How to Secure the Most Faithful Committee Work," led by Gus J. Weigelt; (3) "A Faithful Christian—How to Be a Faithful Quiet Hour Comrade," led by Miss Pauline Sather and (4) "A Faithful Witness—How to Relate Missions to the Luther League" led by Rev. Mr. Luther B. Deck. Following these conferences an afternoon recess was declared until 6 P. M. when the members again assembled at the church to be taken to the outskirts of the city, where in one of the natural parks on Salmon Creek, a "Moonlight Frolic" in charge of the local League entertainment committee, was greatly enjoyed by the large number in attendance. Dinner was served at dusk and then by the light of a full moon and a large bonfire, pleasant hours were passed in games, contests and group singing.

Sunday morning, August 22, a special Bible class was held for the delegates at the Sunday School hour. At the morning church service, Rev. Mr. W. I. Eck of Zion's Church, The Dalles, Ore., delivered a sermon on "True to Duty—In Life." Special music was furnished by the choir and Rev. Mr. R. H. Trojan of Astoria, Oregon, sang the offertory solo.

Installation of the newly elected district officers by Rev. Mr. H. I. Kohler, of Kelso, Wash., took place at this service also.

Sunday afternoon was devoted to sight-seeing and visiting the numerous historic landmarks about Vancouver. The convention came to a close at 5 p.m. when a model League devotional meeting was held, the topic being "True to Duty—In the Com-

munity" and the leader Miss Alice Adling of Vancouver. A feature of the meeting was a spirited debate on "Resolved, That Personal Evangelism Is More Effective Than Mass Evangelism Meetings." Affirmative speakers were Miss Ruth Schurian and Miss Olive Abrahamson while negative honors were upheld by Miss Victoria Kummer and Gus J. Weigelt. Following the meeting a vesper tea was served in the church parlors by the girls of St. Paul's League, thus bringing to a close a long-to-be-remembered convention of this district.

Reports read at the business session showed the district to have had a good year. The Treasurer reported the quota for the erection of the Administration of Andhra Christian College had been paid in full, giving Columbia District seventh place on the national "honor roll." It was voted to send a delegate to the national convention to be held at Salisbury, N. C., in 1927. This district is one of the leaders in the plan of working under a set of efficiency goals. The majority of the suggested list of goals recently adopted by the Luther League of America are identical with those used by this district since 1922. For the past four years, also, it has published its own monthly paper, *The Columbia District Bulletin*.

Rev. H. I. Kohler of Kelso, Wash., was convention chaplain and Rev. Luther B. Deck, of Vancouver, was song leader. A special booklet of convention hymns and "pep songs" was compiled for use at this convention and met with much success. It has not yet been decided whether the convention will meet next year in The Dalles, Ore., or in Kelso, Wash., where a new \$30,000 Lutheran church is being built.

—♦— MARYLAND

Another Fellowship Meeting for Washington and Baltimore Leaguers was held recently. These are events.



C. D. L. L. DOESN'T STAND FOR CLARENCE DITTMER'S L. L., ALTHOUGH THEY DID ADOPT HIM THIS SUMMER

Just Gossip

COLUMBIA DISTRICT

VANCOUVER publicity for the convention includes the following:

Members attending convention will have an opportunity, while in Vancouver, to see the "old apple tree"—the oldest apple tree in the Northwest and still fruiting—and also the oldest log cabin in the State. And if they are fortunate they may also see "Christina"!

NEW YORK

A mid-summer outing of the Genesee Valley District was held at Victor. A mighty good time was had by all!

OHIO NEWS

Wonderland Bill Elliott writes: "Ohio is forging to the front in Life Service work. The State has a Life Service Secretary

and three of the four districts have Life Service Secretaries with the other district soon to appoint one. A meeting will soon be called to outline and plan work of this department. Meetings to discuss this important activity will be held all over the State.

"Bryan, Ohio, held Union Young People's meetings with the six other Protestant Young Peoples' Societies of their city during the summer. The Luther League won the city contest for attendance at these meetings and was awarded a satin Christian flag.

"St. John's, Findlay, in giving their report of the State convention at Lakeside, had their delegates alternate their reports. Each delegate giving a day, then the next delegate rising and giving his report with no break in reports. They also had a typed list of questions and suggestions that were given at convention placed in each Leaguer's hands so that they could follow the delegates better.

"A niece visiting at one of the Leaguer's homes in Findlay regretted very much that the First League was not holding meetings as she wanted to attend. She was informed if she would lead a meeting would be held in the home. It worked fine. Enthusiasm was high. A few friends, the niece and family were there. The leader provided flowers, special music and the regular order prevailed. This was held on a week night. The following week another meeting was held and the niece regretted very much she could not stay longer just to participate in these meetings."

PACIFIC NORTHWEST

The president, Kathryn Brueggman, writes: "I have heard that the convention we had this year was the best one we ever had, and Mr. Dittmer certainly helped make it so. He says it was the only place he went where the entire convention met him at the train and we are glad for the distinction. We almost passed him up, however, when he wheeled around and said, 'Company halt!'"

MINNESOTA

The *Extender* gives a splendid account of the Minneapolis Convention. It doesn't tell how much love is lost between St. Paul and Minneapolis. It was a St. Paul man who trained his dog so that when he asked him if he would care to live in Minneapolis he just turned over on his back and played dead. And it was a Minneapolis father who when asked how many children he had, answered four living and one in St. Paul.

Edithress Johnson makes this fine appeal: "Let us have Teamwork as our motto for the coming year, together with our convention theme, Forward. We cannot go Forward unless we pull together as one big League."

IOWA

The *Index* makes us glad again and under the adroit pen of "Rube" Lampe is certainly full of "reading." One promising announcement in addition to the League marriages was a conference this month at Iowa Falls. Good work!

Dr. Leamer, president of Synod, gives a frank message telling his expectations for the future of the League. We like his introduction specially well. "It goes without saying that the young people of the Lutheran Church are intelligent, competent and spiritually minded. I come to this conclusion by way of conversations and observations. No one need be alarmed about the present generation or that our young people are going to the dogs. We believe that they are entering that period of Church activity which will show a marvelous advance over any other that the world has seen."

COUNCIL BLUFFS became sustaining member and started a library. How is that?

DUBUQUE was rained into the church social rooms on July 5 for a "Lawn Social." "What ought to be done, can be done."

CLINTON boasts fine attendance at Devotionals and successful picnics at Eagle Point Park.

BURLINGTON met the Andhra quota, took out an S. M. and gave a serious production called "Yimmie Yonson's Yob."

ILLINOIS

President Herschel Sowers sends out this challenge to his flock. Let each Leaguer look over the following list and make a check up of himself or herself, and determine which position you intend to occupy during the coming year:

An attender or an absentee?

A power or a problem?

A promoter or a provoker?

A giver or a getter?

A doer or a deadhead?

A booster or a bucker?

A supporter or a sponger?

A worker or a worrier?

A friend or a faultfinder?

A helper or a hinderer?

Having made such a check up, let us concentrate our efforts on the work before us. It has been said that the sun's rays do not burn until brought to a focus. We have decided to carry out a big "forward program" for this year. This can only be a complete success through the united effort of all the Leaguers. I feel confident that each one will do his part.

Mrs. "Min" Peterson's resignation as executive secretary of the Illinois League has occasioned many regrets and some concern lest it meant her loss from League activity. This reassuring letter will be read with interest by many good friends outside as well as within Illinois. It is clipped from *Convention Echo*:

A WORD FROM MIN.

Since announcing my "retirement" at the expiration of my present term (this fall) many have been the letters, 'phone calls and personal inquiries I have had from Leaguers and pastors asking if I meant to give up the League work entirely, and to just forget all about the League. So I want to say right here that after having been affiliated with the Luther League work, beginning with the local right through to the national, for the past ten years, I could not give it up completely. The League has meant too much to me, and although I am giving up my office in the Illinois League, I shall still be a Luther Leaguer (and a national officer) and I shall still be glad to visit Leagues when called upon to do so.

It would be difficult, indeed, to forget the beautiful friendships made, the fine times enjoyed in the company of Luther Leaguers and the kindness shown me by many loyal friends in the League—it is not my intention that they shall be forgotten.

I shall continue my work in the entertainment field. My new position with the "Handy Kit" organization will bring me in touch with young people's societies throughout the country, and will enable me to help the Luther League in various ways.

I will ever be a "booster" for the Luther League!

M. L. P.

P. S. It is now 12:30 a. m. by the beautiful Elgin watch on my wrist! Yes, friends, it keeps perfect time—I am very proud of it. Thank you again!

The Chicago *Luther Leaguer* is a finely edited magazine. Mary Gilette is in charge. Printed on book paper it is easy to look at, too.

Dr. S. P. Long preaches from three pulpits regularly, one from the church, another in the street, Saturday nights and the third in the tower of the Municipal Pier each Sunday at 4 p. m. speaking over WCFL.

PENNSYLVANIA

The *Monthly Broadcast* offers the following. Marvin wants Philadelphians to think:

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Let us put both our time and money where it lasts the longest—in God's service.

KANSAS

HUTCHINSON—The League held a recognition service for High School graduates this summer. Fine idea!

Lutheran Camp has been under direction of Secretary Wolf this summer. Included in the activities is the annual League convention held at the camp. Must be a great week to remember!

NEBRASKA

Paul Weigman Blows His Bugle.

The Midland Assembly for church workers held recently at Midland College, Fremont, was a bigger success than ever before both in increased attendance and a better program. From the League standpoint the assembly far surpassed those of former years.

The budget system of financing the Luther League of Nebraska, which was decided upon at the last executive committee meeting, is to be presented at the convention for adoption. This plan should interest many as a good finance plan is always desirable in any organization.

The last call has gone out on the dollar per capita contribution for the establishment of the Hospice. Of the \$1,500, cost of furniture for the Hospice, only \$1,100 was received from pledges and dollar per member, the balance coming from the income of the home. We feel this will soon be settled as a Nebraska Leaguer never fails his cause.

Rising City has organized a Luther League and the Sidney and Gurley churches held a young people's rally on June 27, with a view to organizing a new Luther League. We have also heard that a Luther League has been organized at Allen, Neb. It is a pleasure indeed to note these new neighbors. Come over and become acquainted, you are welcome.

A real challenge? The very word itself strikes a tingling note into your very heart. The challenge is, "get that \$600, but get it!" Here's another challenge, "we are!" The field looks more promising since our State objective has been "boosted" ahead and we are now prepared to begin on another bigger project. We pray and hope that we will be well under way by the time the convention opens its doors. Go and get it!



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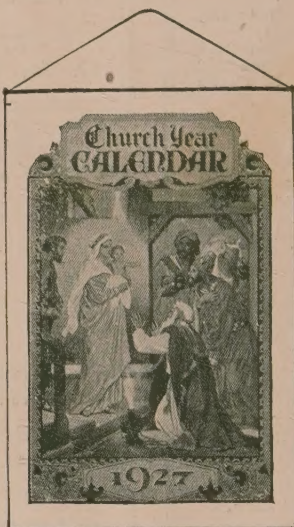
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